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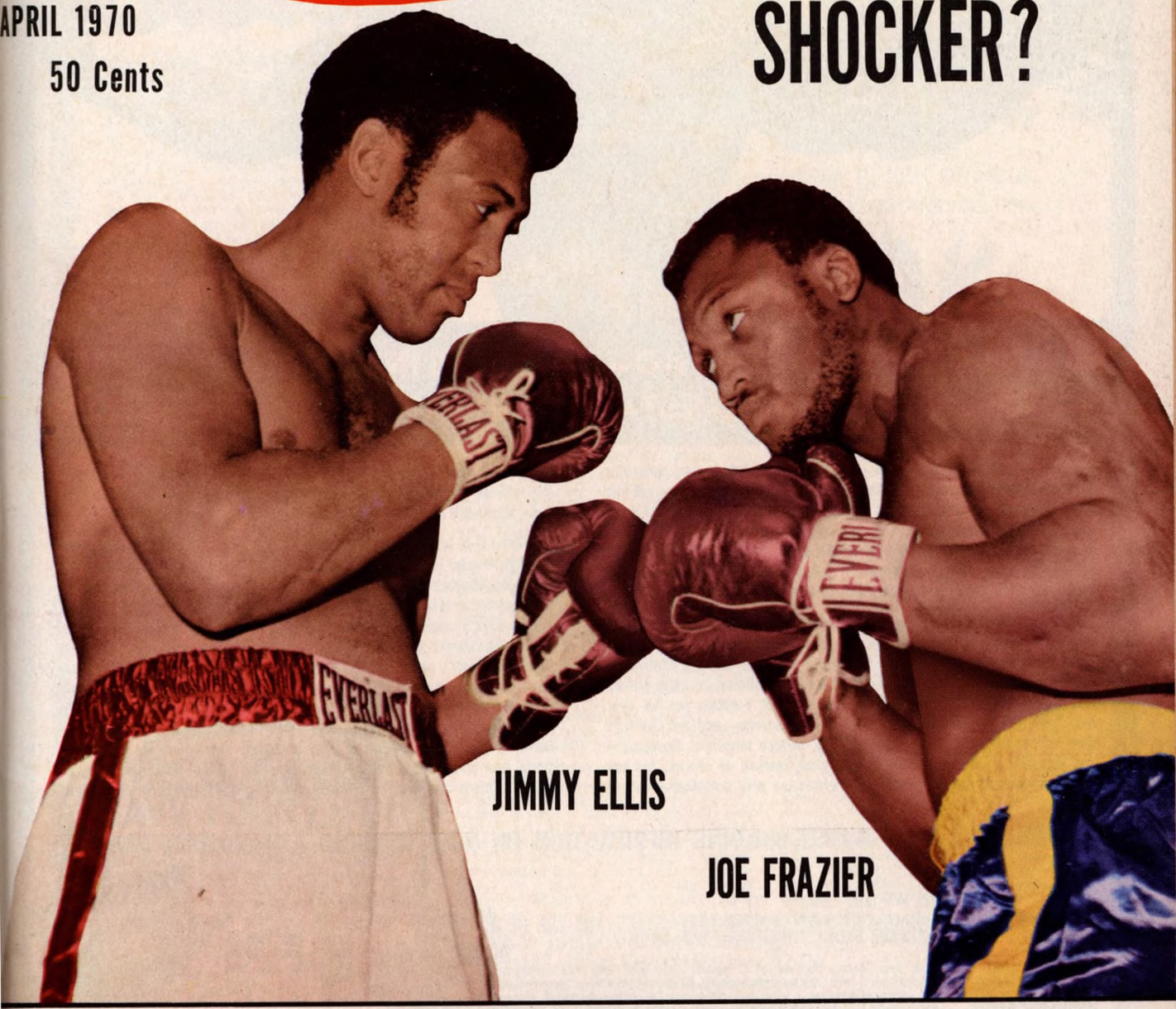

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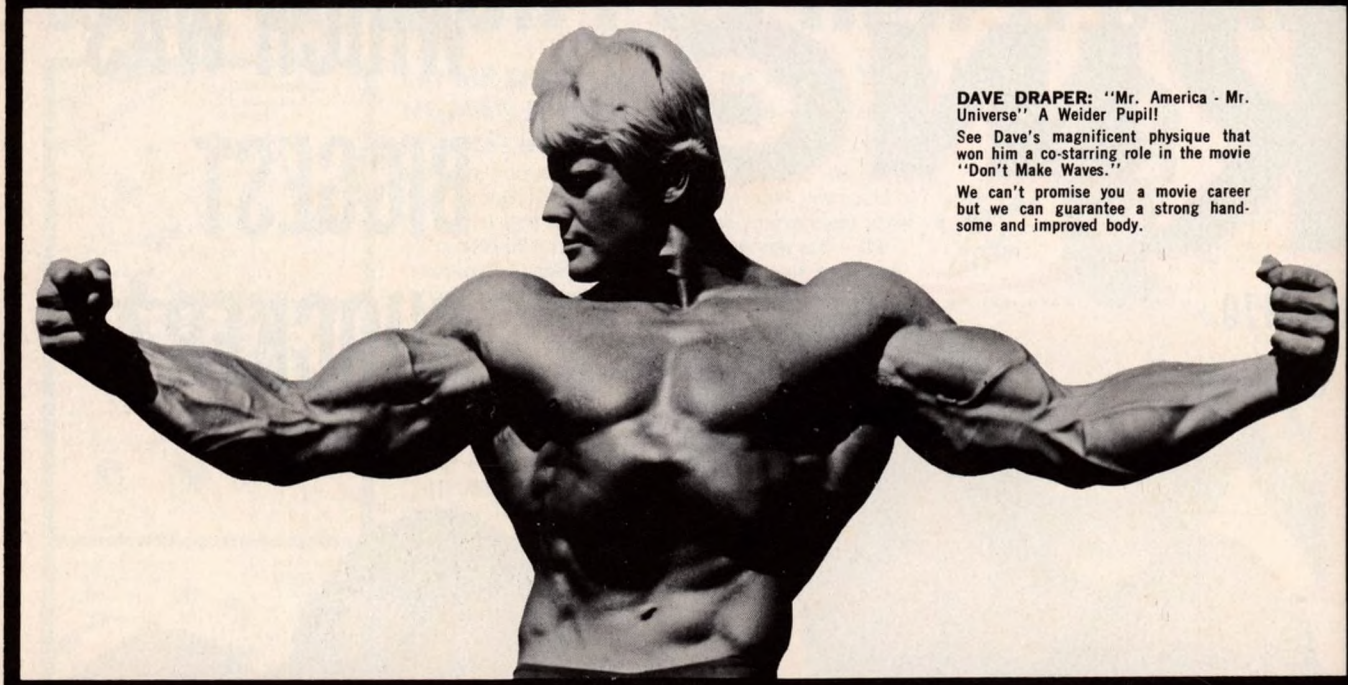

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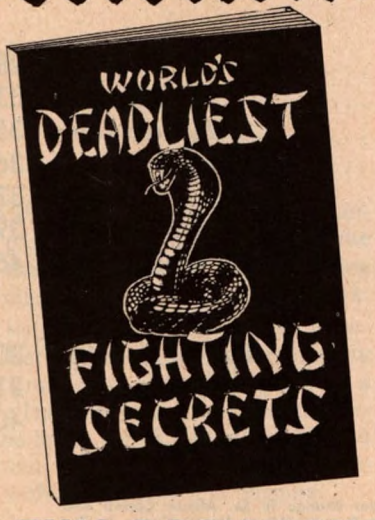

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Speaks Out !!!

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CASSIUS Clay, heavyweight champion of the world, last defended the title on March 22, 1967, stopping Zora Folley in seven rounds in New York.

Not long thereafter Clay refused to accept a draft into the Army, and eventually the Federal courts found him guilty of a felony. The Supreme Court did not reverse the lower courts, but asked them to throw out any significant evidence obtained with wiretapping and bugging.

Now the case goes back to the Supreme Court, which may look at it a second time next Fall or Winter, or in the not too predictable future thereafter.

During the nearly three years in which Clay has been in limbo, The Ring Magazine has continued to recognize him as the world champion, pending final action by the Supreme Court. He has been out on bail of $5,000, barred from leaving the United States.

For more than three years this magazine, and I personally, have received an average of 200 Clay case letters a month, in toto. These communications have backed up The Ring; have attacked The Ring; have either supported or blasted me personally; have demanded that Clay be continued as the champion until disposal of the case; or that Cassius Clay be barred from boxing.

The letters bearing on the case continue to be split into numerous categories, with the majority supporting the policy of The Ring. Letters demanding Clay's being deprived of the championship and others are divided like this:

1. Accusations of being in cahoots with, in the employ of, the Black Muslims and Clay.

2. Charges of plain, ordinary bribery by the Clay interests.

3. Charges of being in the pay of Joe Frazier, with the idea of working up a Clay-Frazier fight.

4. Strong support for The Ring and Nat Fleischer, in their determination to let Cassius Clay have his day in court.

5. Letters of the who-gives-a-damn class, which insist that the fight public no longer is interested in Clay.

6. The strongest condemnation of Clay as a "draft dodger" and "a phony conscientious objector."

7. Invitations to Clay to move to Egypt and "his pal Nasser."

For a time The Ring made it a practice to answer all letters with a statement of policy.

Of late The Ring has abandoned this expensive and time-consuming job. This editorial is an open letter to all those whom the case may concern, interest and involve.

The Ring Magazine was started by me 48 years ago. It has won and kept the respect of all boxing buffs, all its thousands of readers, all its numerous subscribers the world over.

The bona fides and honesty of The Ring very seldom have been challenged, never with success. You cannot please all the people all the time, Mr. Lincoln said. But The Ring comes close.

Letters which cast aspersion on The Ring and me are in the low minority. "Just so long as you back up a traitor we will not read your magazine," say some of the correspondents. This we regret greatly. But we have seen no reason for changing policy and taking the backing of The Ring from Cassius Clay as the heavyweight champion of the world, inactive though he may be.

It's up to the Supreme Court. In the meantime many authorities refuse to approve a ring appearance of Cassius Clay just so long as he has that felony hanging over him.

Clay has been getting chances without number to tell the fight fans why he is inactive as the champion of the world. He has not done this with any success.

One night he called the Frazier-Ellis match a fight between his one-time sparring partner and an amateur, and the best available in the heavyweight class, just because Clay is not allowed to fight. He did declare a match for himself with Frazier the big desideratum. This without changing his rating of Joe, an obvious inconsistency.

The Ring may be forced to change its attitude toward Clay insofar as the world title is concerned.

The Federal courts and the Supreme Court have been extremely laggard in their handling of the case. It has been a hot potato politically. It has been a strong deterrent to boxing interest in the United States, if not in other parts of the world.

The Ring and I wonder how much longer the courts will dilly-dally on this matter.

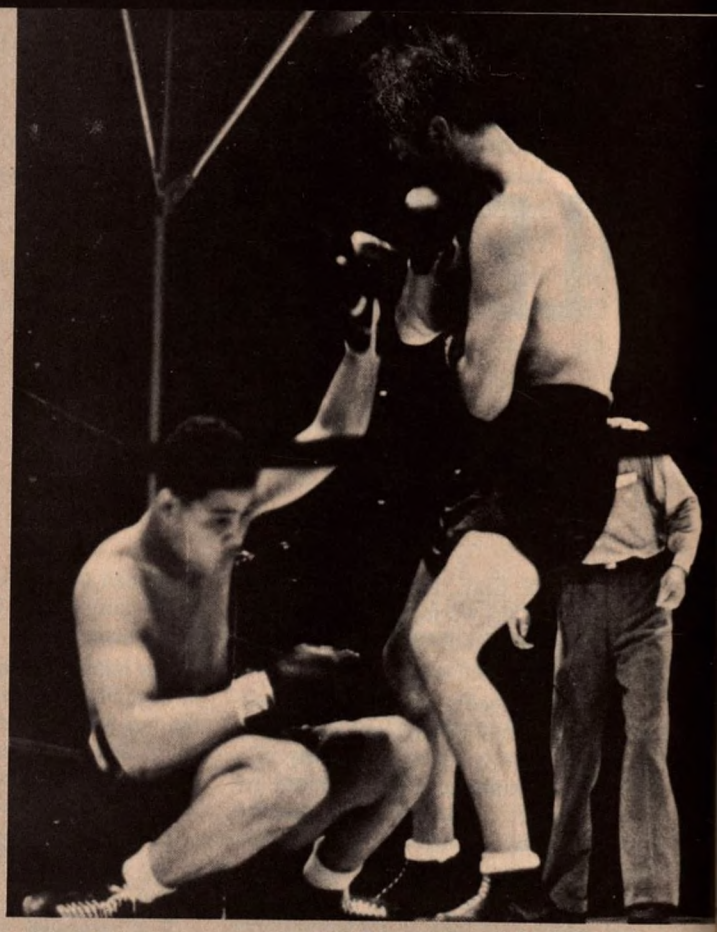
The Frazier-Ellis fight may make fight fans more extremely intolerant of the championship situation.

The Ring has refused to support either Frazier or Ellis as a world champion.

But The Ring does admit that in the near future it may be forced to review the case, look into its future, and determine if Clay's position can be maintained for the best interests of boxing.

50 GREATEST UPSETS SINCE GENTLEMAN JIM BEAT JOHN L.

Here is Max Baer backing off from a left thrown by Jimmy Braddock, the Cinderella Man, during their heavyweight championship bout of June 13, 1935. Braddock captured the title from the Livermore Larruper via a 15-round decision at the Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island City, N.Y. Was it boxing's greatest upset?



By DAN DANIEL

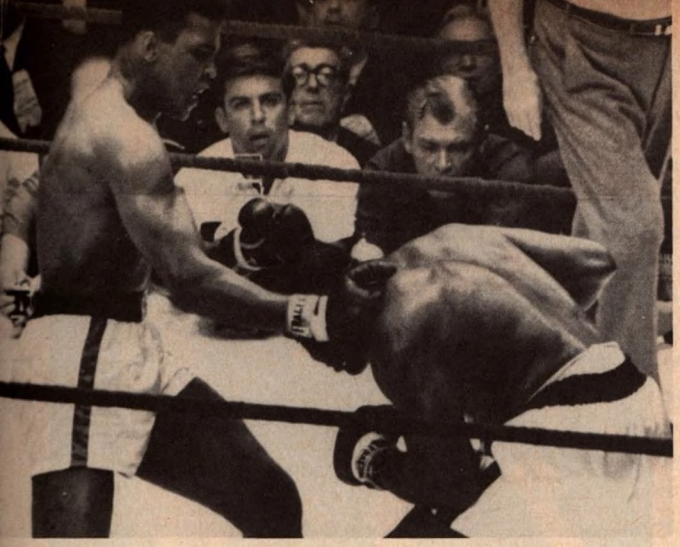
HARRY MARKSON'S office in Madison Square Garden was crowded with boxing writers, TV interviewers and and others concerned with the dissemination of fistic news and comment. Markson had announced the signing of Joe Frazier and Jimmy Ellis and the conversation rolled around to other important heavyweight contests, and their at times surprising and even bizarre results.

Somebody said, "Wouldn't it be funny if Ellis, who is not supposed to have a quick knockout punch, belted Joe in the first round and gave the $100 customers the galloping weeps? Or what would you say to a 15-round fight, which is as close to a draw as we can come in these days of judges reluctant to call it even—in spite of Frazier's KO record?"

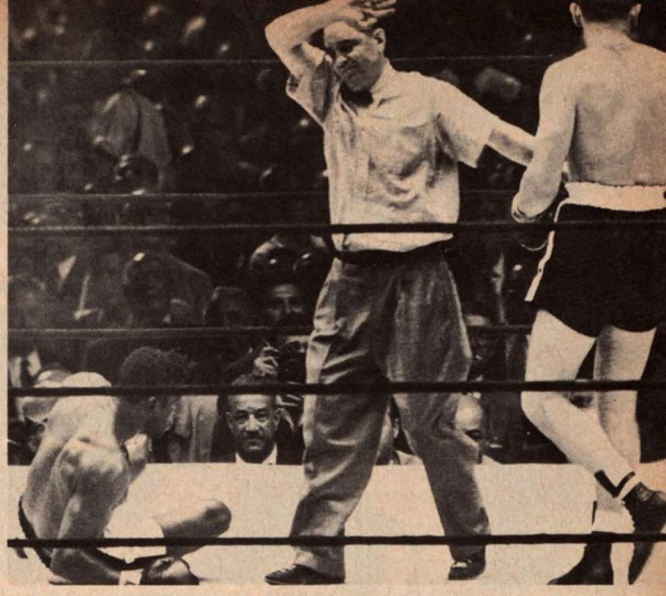
Then the writers started to dig the great upsets out of the past —the sometimes dim past.

Your correspondent announced a poll for The Ring Magazine. Which fight, not necessarily in the heavyweight class, produced

(Above) Joe Louis is about to hit the canvas for the first time after being hit by Max Schmeling's powerful right in the fourth round of their first meeting. Schmeling, an 8-1 underdog, scored a 12-round knockout of Louis at New York's Yankee Stadium on the evening of June 19, 1936. (Left) Their return meeting, two years later, was a different story, however, Schmeling is on the floor for the third time as referee Arthur Donovan prepares to halt matters at 2:04 of the first round. Louis had become champion the previous year.



Cassius Clay lands a right to the left shoulder of the supposedly invincible Sonny Liston during the sixth round of their Miami Beach contest of February 25, 1964. Liston could not answer the bell for round seven, thus enabling Clay to become heavyweight king.



Referee Ruby Goldstein signals that it's all over for Floyd Patterson after he hit the deck for the seventh time in the third round of his first meeting with Ingemar Johansson. The Swede took the title on June 26, 1959, at New York's Polo Grounds.

the biggest surprise in the history of glove competition? This goes back to the Corbett KO of Sullivan in 1892, itself a more or less formidable entry in the Surprise Stakes?

The Master of Ceremonies cautioned the pollsters not to confuse the Greatest Upset with form-shattering developments during a fight. Like Joe Louis' near defeats by Billy Conn and Jersey Joe Walcott, and Luis Firpo's knocking Jack Dempsey out of the Polo Grounds ring.

The MC announced that the Greatest Upset had to be connected with the END RESULT, not interim modus operandi.

The first nomination was conceded to mine host, Harry Markson.

"My choice is the 15-round victory of Jimmy Braddock over Max Baer on June 13, 1935, in the Garden Bowl in Long Island City," Harry said.

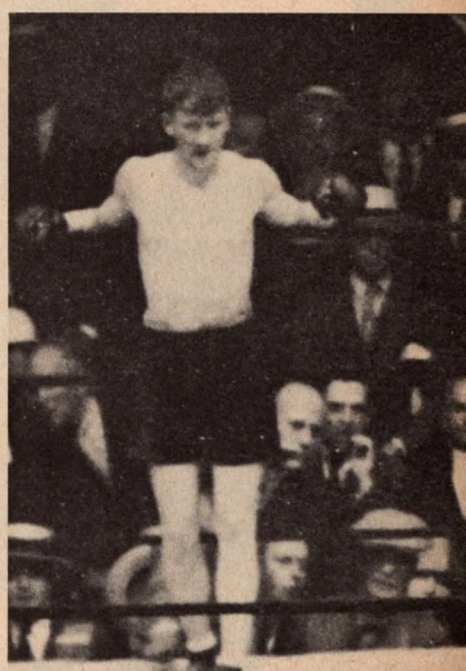
"Baer had stopped Max Schmeling in 1933, and taken the title from Carnera in two rounds in 1934, decking the giant 11 times.

"Braddock was 30 years old. He had been on relief. You will recollect all that Cinderella Man stuff which appeared in the sports pages of blessed memory.

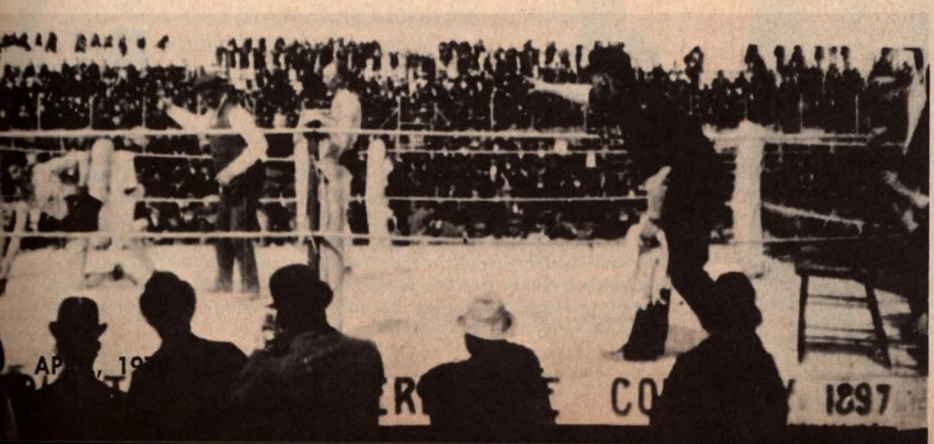
"Baer was a 10 to 1 favorite, with the betting market very apathetic. The stage appeared to be set for another Baer defense, with a victory over Braddock regarded as a certainty. Well, you know what happened. Baer emphatically lost the title. His image as a man with a devastating punch went aglimmering.

"Gentlemen, this I offer as my choice for the No. 1 surprise of all time.

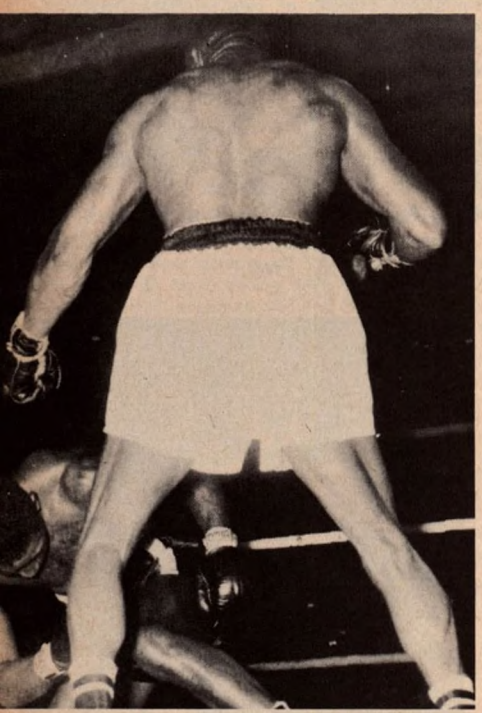
"Behind that, let me enter Jersey Joe Walcott's seven-round KO for the title over Ezzard Charles in July, 1951; Ingemar Johansson's KO of Patterson in June, 1959; Rocky Graziano's KO of Billy Arnold in three rounds in March, 1945, throwing Rocky into the spotlight for the first time; Bummy Davis' 63-second KO of Bob Montgomery in February, 1944; and Clay's knockout of Liston on February 25, 1964."



Ace Hudkins watches as Ruby Goldstein is counted out in the fourth round of their contest at Brooklyn on June 25, 1926, truly one of the great surprises of its day.

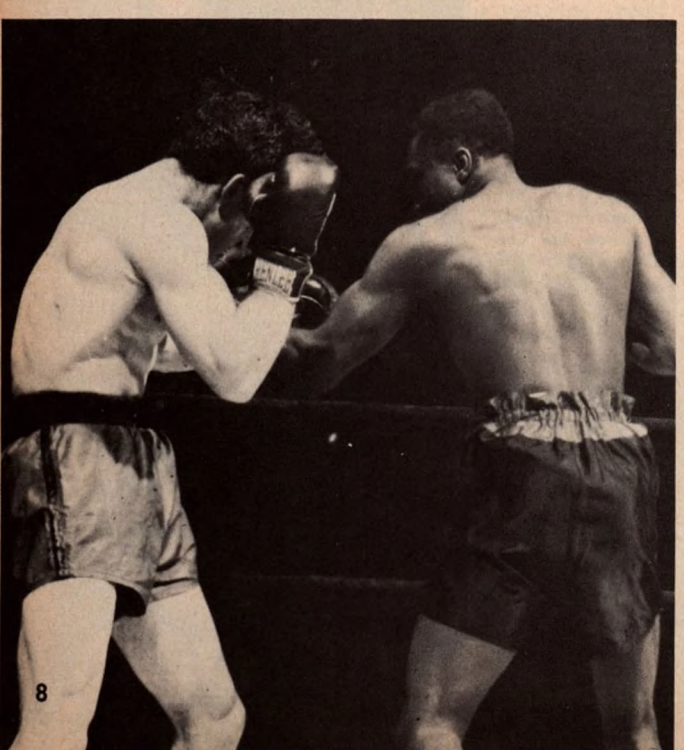


An early entry in the Surprise Stakes occurred on March 17, 1897, at Carson City, Nevada when Bob Fitzsimmons stopped Gentleman Jim Corbett in the 14th round via the famed "Solar Plexus Punch."



Freddie (Red) Cochrane hooks a left to the face of Fritzie Zivic on his way to capturing the welterweight crown from the Pittsburgher in a 15-rounder at Newark, N. J. on July 29, 1941.

Ezzard Charles slumps to the canvas for the full count in the seventh round of his unsuccessful heavyweight title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott at Pittsburgh on July 18, 1951. It was Walcott's fifth crack at the heavyweight crown.

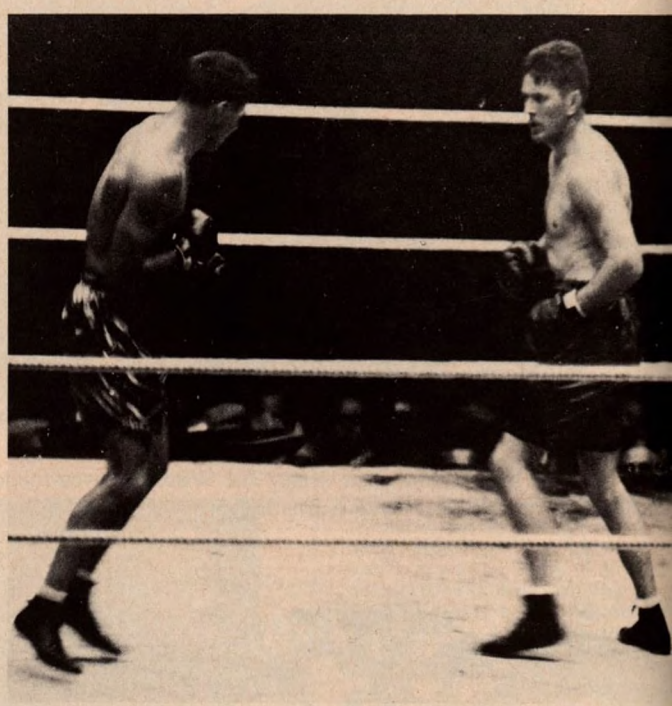


Al (Bummy) Davis stands over Bob Montgomery as the latter went down for the second and last time in the first round of their Madison Square Garden bout on February 18, 1944. It was one of the fastest KO's in Garden annals, the contest lasting only 63 seconds.

Jim Farley, the President Maker, one-time chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission and former Postmaster General, voted strongly for Jim Braddock's 15-round title acquisition from Max Baer in June, 1935.

"Many surprising results stand out in my memory of an adult lifetime of watching great fights," said Jim. "But the Braddock feat always will rank No. 1," said Jim.

"You cannot place yourself in the atmosphere of the night of June 13 thirty-five years ago. *(Continued on page 40)*



(Left) It was on March 9, 1945, that Rocky Graziano (left) catapulted into prominence by scoring a three-round knockout over highly-ranked Billy Arnold at Madison Square Garden. Arnold is shown landing a left to the chin during the early going. (Above) Who can ever forget the first meeting between Gene Tunney (right) and Jack Dempsey on the rainy evening at Philadelphia on September 23, 1926? Tunney scored a stunning surprise by taking the heavy crown from the Manassa Mauler via a 10-round decision.

Do You Recall Some Of The 50 Biggest Surprises?

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

Jim Braddock defeated Max Baer in 15 rounds at New York. Decision. June 13, 1935. Title acquisition.

Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in first round at New York. June 22, 1938. Title defense.

Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in first round at Chicago. September 25, 1962. Title acquisition.

Floyd Patterson knocked out Ingemar Johansson in fifth round at New York. June 20, 1960. First recovery of title by former holder.

Cassius Clay knocked out Sonny Liston in seven rounds at Miami Beach, Fla. February 25, 1964. Title acquisition.

Arthur Pelkey knocked out Luther McCarty in first round at Calgary, Man. May 24, 1913.

Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jim Corbett in 14 rounds at Carson City, Nev. March 17, 1897. Title acquisition.

Leotis Martin knocked out Sonny Liston in 9 rounds at Las Vegas. December 6, 1969.

Jack Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard in three rounds at Toledo, Ohio. Title acquisition.

Jim Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan in 21 rounds at New Orleans. September 7, 1892. Title acquisition.

Jersey Joe Walcott knocked out Ezzard Charles in seven rounds at Pittsburgh. July 18, 1951. Title acquisition.

Ingemar Johansson knocked out Floyd Patterson in three rounds at New York. June 26, 1959. Title acquisition.

Max Schmeling knocked out Joe Louis in 12 rounds at New York. June 19, 1936.

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

Battling Siki knocked out Georges Carpentier in 6 rounds at Paris. September 24, 1922. Title acquisition.

Maxie Rosenbloom defeated Jimmy Slattery in 15 rounds, decision, at Buffalo. June 25, 1930. Title acquisition.

Bob Olin defeated Maxie Rosenbloom in 15 rounds, decision, at New York. November 16, 1934. Title acquisition.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASS

Al McCoy knocked out George Chip in first round at Brooklyn, April 6, 1914. Title decision.

Randy Turpin defeated Ray Robinson in 15 rounds, decision, at London. July 10, 1951. Title acquisition.

Billy Fox knocked out Jake LaMotta in four rounds at New York. November 14, 1947.

Gene Fullmer defeated Ray Robinson, in 15 rounds, decision, at New York. January 2, 1957. Title acquisition.

Carmen Basilio defeated Ray Robinson in 15 rounds, decision, at New York. September 23, 1957. Title acquisition.

Joey Giardello defeated Dick Tiger in 15 rounds, decision, at Atlantic City. December 7, 1963. Title acquisition.

Rocky Graziano knocked out Billy Arnold in three rounds at New York. March 9, 1945.

WELTERWEIGHT CLASS

Kid McCoy knocked out Tommy Ryan in 15 rounds at Maspeth, Long Island, N.Y. March 2, 1896. Title acquisition.

Jack Britton knocked out Ted (Kid) Lewis in nine rounds at Canton, Ohio. March 17, 1919. Title acquisition.

Pete Latzo defeated Mickey Walker in 10 rounds, decision, at Scranton, Pa. May 20, 1926. Title acquisition.

Jack Britton defeated Benny Leonard on a foul in 13th round, at New York. June 26, 1922. Title defense.

Fritzie Zivic defeated Henry Armstrong in 15 rounds, decision, at New York. October 4, 1940. Title acquisition.

Freddie (Red) Cochrane defeated Fritzie Zivic in 15 rounds, decision, at Newark, N.J. July 29, 1941. Title acquisition.

LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

Benny Leonard knocked out Freddy Welsh in 9 rounds at New York. May 28, 1917. Title acquisition.

Terry McGovern knocked out Joe Gans in two rounds at Chicago. December 13, 1900.

Frank Erne knocked out Joe Gans in 12 rounds at New York. March 23, 1900. Title acquisition.

Joe Gans knocked out Frank Erne in first round at Fort Erie, N.Y. May 12, 1902. Title acquisition.

Ace Hudkins knocked out Ruby Goldstein in fourth round at Brooklyn, N.Y. June 25, 1926.

Lou Ambers defeated Henry Armstrong in 15 rounds, at New York. August 22, 1939. Decision. Title acquisition.

Sid Terris knocked out Ruby Goldstein in first round at New York. June 15, 1927.

Carlos Ortiz defeated Joe Brown in 15 rounds, at Las Vegas. April 21, 1962. Decision. Title acquisition.

Al Singer knocked out Sammy Mandell in first round at New York. July 17, 1930. Title acquisition.

Tony Canzoneri knocked out Al Singer in first round at New York. November 14, 1930. Title acquisition.

Ismael Laguna defeated Carlos Ortiz in 15 rounds, decision, at Panama City. April 10, 1965. Title acquisition.

Al (Bummy) Davis knocked out Bob Montgomery in first round. February 18, 1944.

FEATHERWEIGHT CLASS

Eugene Criqui knocked out Johnny Kilbane in six rounds at New York. June 2, 1923. Title acquisition.

Young Corbett knocked out (Continued on page 38)

THE NO. 1 SHOCKER— BRADDOCK'S VICTORY OVER BAER

Rated the top upset of 'em all in The Ring poll was Braddock's triumph over Baer. Here is the new champion's hand being raised in victory by happy handlers Ray Arcel, Whitey Bimstein and Doc Robb.

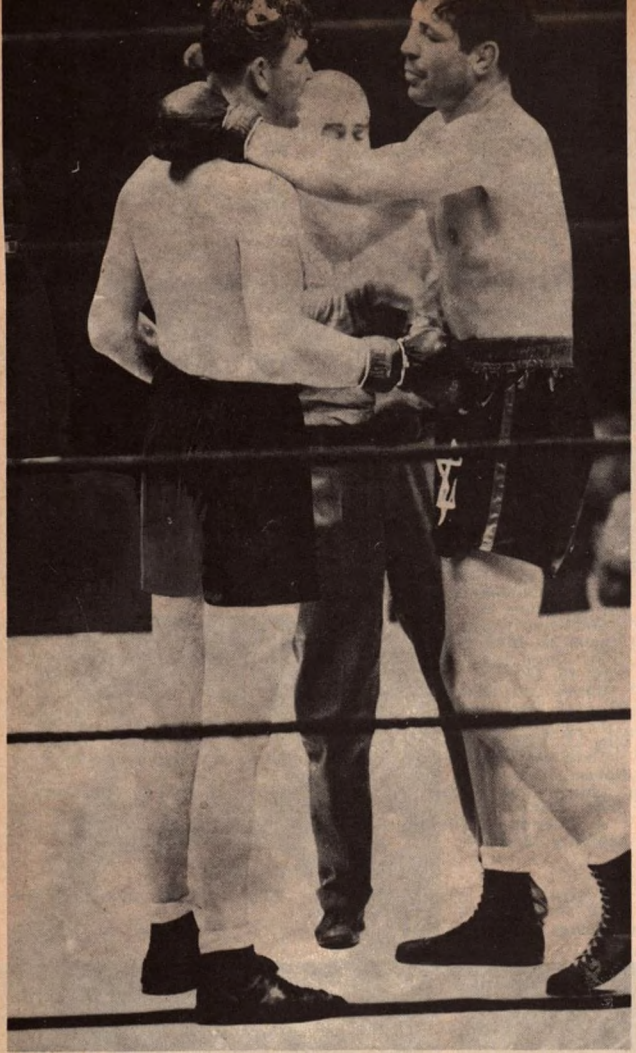
ACCORDING to the Ring Magazine poll which produced a list of the 50 greatest upsets since Jim Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan, a 4 to 1 favorite, back in 1892, the all-time form reversal came on the night of June 13, 1935, in the Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island City, N.Y., when James Joseph Braddock outpointed Maximilian Adelbert Baer in 15 rounds and became the world heavyweight champion.

The No. 2 entry in the Shocker Stakes is the 12-round knockout which Max Schmeling hung on Joe Louis on June 19, 1936, in New York. This took place 11 bouts before Louis won the title from Braddock.

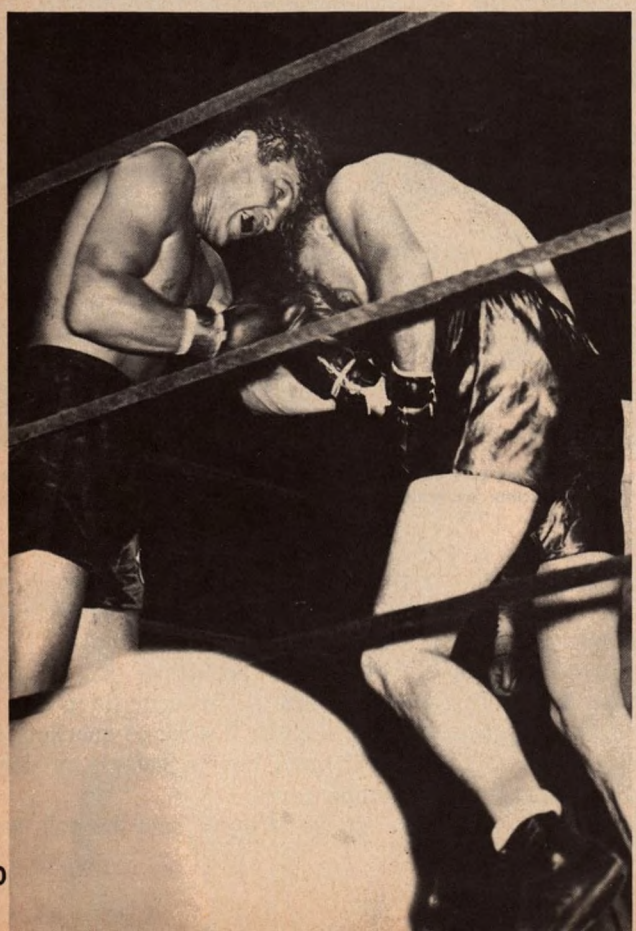
It was a close thing between Schmeling's KO of Joe, and Louis' one-round knockout of the Uhlan in New York on June 22, 1938, which gained the No. 3 niche.

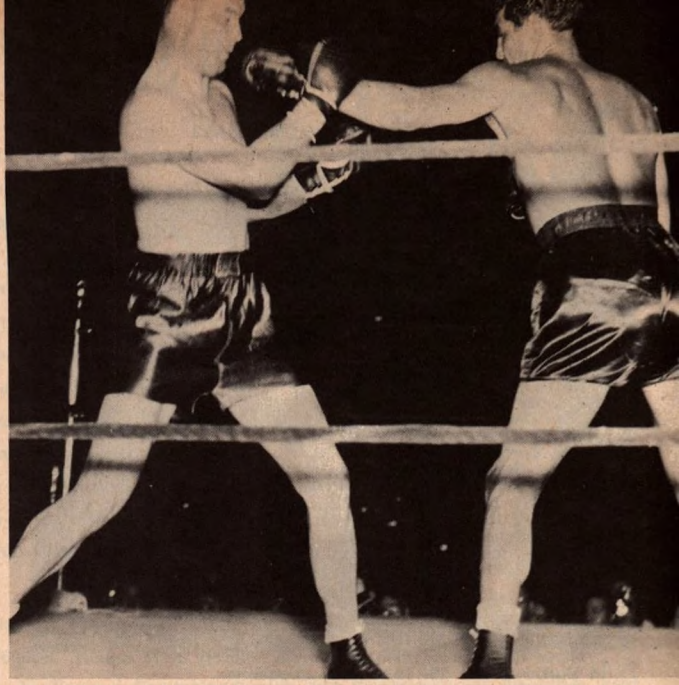
While the Schmeling KO of Joe came before Louis' acquisition of the world title, the first-round knockout of the German was in defense of Joe's championship.

The No. 4 upset, said the poll, was



This is the end of the Braddock-Baer fight. After the final bell sounded Baer embraced Braddock and congratulated him. Max, the 10-1 favorite, knew he had lost even before the verdict was announced.





Braddock takes a hard left from Baer, then grinned, much to Maxie's surprise. Jimmy outboxed and outfought the heavyweight king from beginning to end.

Cassius Clay's seven-round knockout of Sonny Liston at Miami Beach on February 25, 1954, for the heavyweight title.

Liston's one-round KO of Floyd Patterson in their first meeting, in Chicago; Ingemar Johansson's title-winning knockout of Patterson in three rounds in June, 1959; Benny Leonard's ninth-round KO of Freddy Welsh for the lightweight title in May, 1917; Young Corbett's second-round KO of Terry McGovern for the featherweight crown in 1901; McGovern's first-round knockout of Britain's Pedlar Palmer in 1899; Clay's one-round knockout of Liston in their second meeting; Leonard's loss, on a foul, to Jack Britton; Jersey Joe Walcott's title-winning KO against Ezzard Charles; and the Fitzsimmons victory, via the Solar Plexus Punch, over Corbett, are other upsets which finished prominently in the massing of expert opinion.

The Braddock Story scarcely needs retelling. However, for the benefit of Junior, let it be said that Baer was a prohibitive 10 to 1 favorite over Braddock.

Jim had had a rocky career and his family had been reduced to going on welfare.

Braddock started fighting professionally in 1926, when he was 21.

Jim's first two years in the ring hardly were splendiferous. In 1928 he knocked out Tuffy Griffiths in two heats and excited some interest. This was heightened by a March, 1929, KO over Jimmy Slattery.

This victory trained the spotlight on Braddock for the first time and earned for him a fight with Tommy Lough-

Baer, backed into a corner, attempts to hold off Braddock. A crowd of about 40,000 witnessed the startling upset. Jimmy was judged to have taken 12 of the 15 rounds.

ran, which meant a shot at the light heavyweight championship. Tommy beat Jim, but it went the limit of 15.

In 1930, Braddock had nothing but trouble. He started off with a ten-round defeat by Leo Lomski, lost to Billy Jones, outpointed Joe Monte, lost to Babe Hunt, and stopped Phil Mercurio in two.

In 1932, Braddock suffered six beatings in eight starts. In September, he was knocked out in six heats by Lou Scozza.

In 1933, Jim had eight fights and a no-contest, and lost four of them.

On June 14, 1934, Braddock knocked out Corn Griffin in three rounds.

Heading the same card, in the Garden's Long Island City wood-yard, which it later became for the nighborhood, Baer knocked out Carnera for the title.

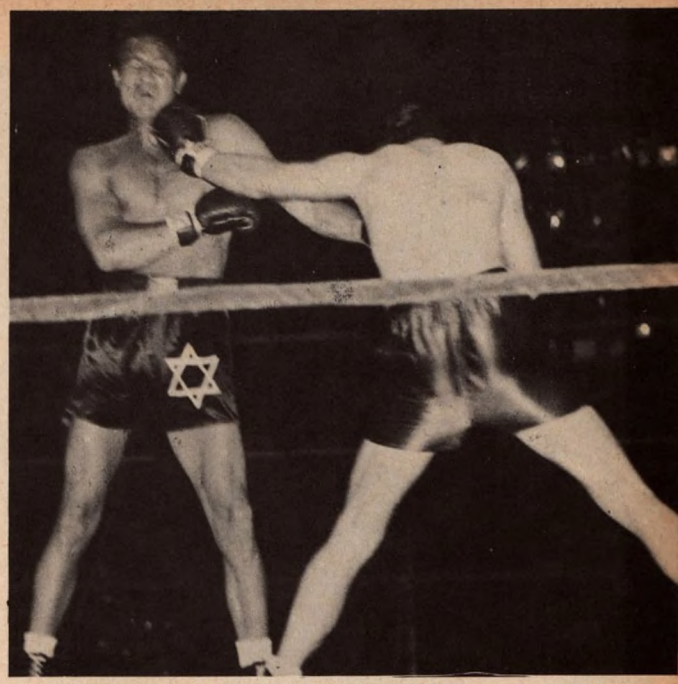
Baer was looking for a fall guy, on the way to a fight with Joe Louis.

Baer did meet Joe. But Maxie no longer was the champion. Louis stopped him in four heats.

The Braddock victory over Baer, on points, produced a lot of literature in newspapers and magazines. The Cinderella Man, Braddock was called. The ghost of Horatio Alger was dug out of the shades and many Alger-style classics were perpetrated.

A vigorous 65 now, Braddock is around to tell the story of his victory for the title, and the mistakes into which he lured the heavier-punching Baer.

Max died of a heart attack on November 21, 1959, in Hollywood, Cal. He was 50 years of age.



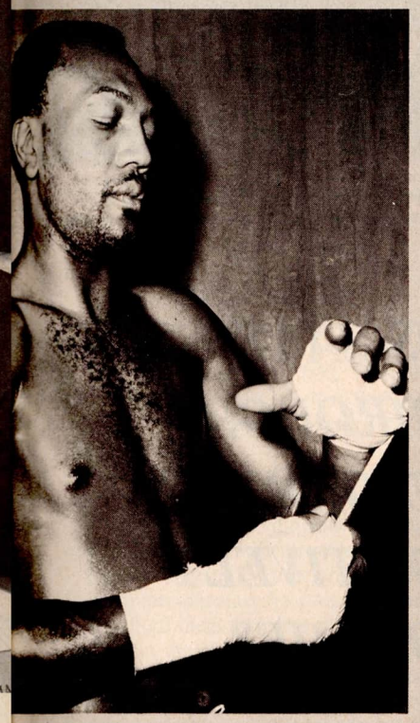
Braddock connects with Baer's chin, putting all he has behind a hard left hook in the early going. The blow stunned Max and his disdain of Braddock's ability quickly turned to respect.

(Left) A right by Braddock makes Baer grimace. Max was usually carefree and grinning through most of his fights, but on the evening of June 13, 1935, he had absolutely nothing to smile about. (Above) Jimmy is attempting to land the old one-two as Maxie defends against the double-pronged attack. The defense taken by Braddock baffled Baer throughout. It was truly the Upset of Upsets.

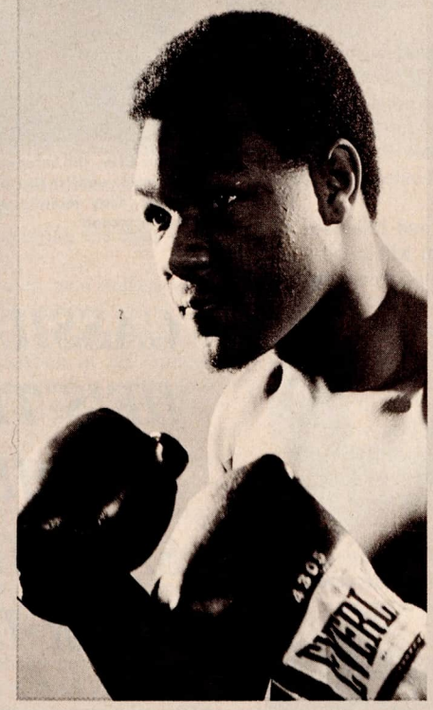
MSG'S MARKSON FOSTERS IN HIS SPOTS PATTERSON, PLANNING FOR 1970

Floyd Patterson, the ex-two-time heavyweight boss, is a boxer who intrigues the Garden's Harry Markson. The Boxing Director of MSG feels that Patterson may again challenge for the crown in the near future.

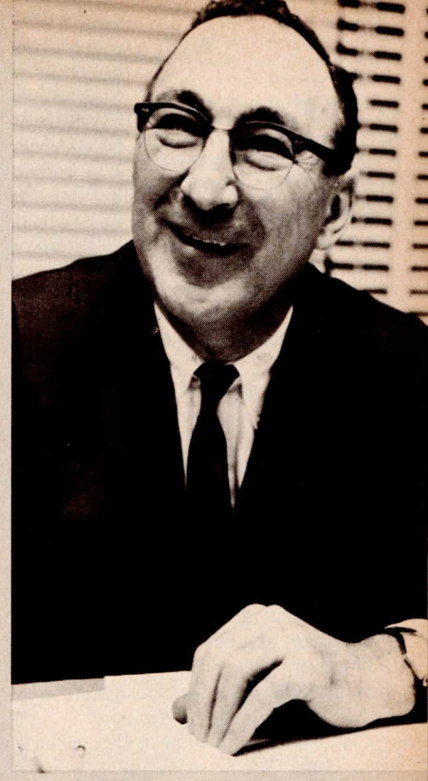
Henry Cooper (left) and Jack Bodell shake hands after signing for their match for the British heavyweight championship as promoter Harry Levene watches. Cooper is the former British titleholder who "abdicated" last year. Bodell became the new titleholder after defeating Carl Gizzi in 15 rounds for the vacant crown.



Light heavyweight king Bob Foster is being seriously considered by Madison Garden in its future planning for heavyweight contests.



George Foreman, the 1968 Olympic heavyweight gold medal winner, is rated a good possibility for top bouts in 1971, depending on how fast he develops this year.



Harry Markson, head of Madison Square Garden's boxing department, is eager to put on the best heavyweight bouts available.

By NAT FLEISCHER

NOW that the way has been almost entirely cleared for a heavyweight championship setup, promoters are looking ahead to the first defense in the rearranged picture.

The most active of the seekers after profitable action is Harry Markson, who runs the fights for New York's Madison Square Garden, and who promoted the Frazier-Ellis affair.

A talk with Markson revealed that, under his consideration, are light heavyweight champion Bob Foster, former world champion Floyd Patterson, Mac Foster, the California threat, and, if he comes along at the expected gait in the next year, Olympic champion George Foreman.

"Boxing Commissions will have something to say in the new alignment," Markson predicted.

"Take the case of Bob Foster. The New York Commission, which has not liked his managerial arrangements, will have to give him an okeh if the Garden is to recognize him as a part of its heavyweight planning.

"Would I consider Bob seriously? Most emphatically, I would.

"You know how many light heavyweight champions have sought the heavyweight title. Tommy Loughran, Billy Conn, John Henry Lewis, Gene Tunney and Georges Carpenter quit light heavy competition to take shots at the heavyweight championship. Maybe the time has come for one of the 175-pound entries to make it."

"One of the more interesting situations has to do with Patterson," Markson continued.

"After his fight with Ellis in Sweden he disappeared and the word went out that he had retired.

"However, one snowy day he showed up again at Marlboro, N.Y., and announced that he was considering a return to the ring.

"He knows that he needs a test against a pretty fair opponent. If he shows up well he will challenge for the title, which, like nobody else, he already has won twice.

"He lost the championship to Ingemar Johansson, and won it back from him. Wouldn't it be something if he were to take it back again?

"Until Sonny Liston was beaten by Leotis Martin, we had to consider him, subject to approval by the New York Commission. Well, Liston is out of the running.

"Foreman appears to have the stuff and may come along fast enough this year to warrant considering him in 1971. He is big and strong and a fast learner. No telling where his ambition will lead him.

"Mac Foster has strong recommendations, from Archie Moore, among others. Maybe he isn't quite ready, perhaps a couple of additional tests will surprise us all.

"Martin? He came out of the Liston fight with eye trouble, and cannot be considered at this time.

"Maybe there is another Schmeling, another Carnera, another Johansson, another Paulino in the making in Europe.

"Spain has an intriguing entry in the Basque who fights as Urtain. He weighs the strongest man in professional boxing the world over.

"Urtain is scheduled to fight Peter Weiland for the heavyweight championship of Europe.

"You cannot ignore a fighter like Urtain. You must remember Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Man of the Pampas, who belted Jack Dempsey out of the ring at the Polo Grounds.

"What it comes down to is this: the field is wide open and Madison Square Garden is eager to give every eligible his night in the ring.

"The situation certainly has picked up interest and momentum."

It is conceivable that Markson was interested in the London announcement that Henry Cooper was fighting Jack Bodell.

It had been reported that Patterson had been matched with Bodell. But Jack wants the British title, and it could be that Henry has slipped far enough to make a Bodell victory possible.

'Ennery hasn't been out in some time, and has been getting over knee surgery. The injury cancelled out a fight with Ellis, which now may be considered as having fallen into the limbo of unnecessary bouts. Not that it was necessary before Cooper's mishap.

Looking back at the Frazier fight, Markson doubtless thanks his stars that he was able to bid Chris Dundee out of the action.

There was a time, right after Ellis had won the WBA elimination tournament, when Jimmy had the strategic edge over Frazier.

But as time passed, Ellis remained inactive. Joe beat Jerry Quarry, after an innocuous meeting with Dave Zyglewicz, whom he stopped in the first round. The 1964 Olympic champion took the lead as the most talked about heavyweight in the world.

There is considerable speculation as to how Garden headquarters would have looked at boxing if Markson had lost the Frazier-Ellis fight, on which Harry had placed so much stress and reliance.

Markson's having grabbed off the Frazier-Ellis fight gives the Garden a powerful in, as regards the setting up of the heavyweight championship in the final solution of its world title problems.

The Frazier-Ellis fight also appears to have split the U.S.A., as a boxing promotion area, in half between Madison Square Garden in New York and The Forum of Inglewood, Cal., and George Parnassus.

The crafty Spartan has a powerful hold on the lighter classes—Jose Napoles, welterweight; Ruben Olivares, bantamweight; and Efren Torres, flyweight—all world champions out of Mexico.

Parnassus also may move into the featherweight picture, in which the returned Vicente Saldivar, former unbeaten title holder, who "retired," must be recognized as a vital force once again.

Madison Square Garden is testing out the lighter fields with eliminations held mainly in its Felt Forum, with 4,000 seats.

Just as Parnassus is playing the Mexican field, so is Markson playing the Puerto Rican pool of material based in New York, with additions coming in from Central and South America.

Chicago, once a power in boxing, is reviving and is wide open.

Las Vegas, now and then a factor, faces the chance, and the need, for developing its great potential.

In short, boxing is going to pick up strongly in 1970.

By DAN DANIEL

CASSIUS CLAY once again has announced his retirement as a professional boxer and the heavyweight champion of the world. It is contrary to Elijah Muhammad's rules and regulations for a member of the Black Muslim cult to be a professional fighter. But, — — — —.

Clay's statement at a press conference held in Chicago would appear to make the winner of the Joe Frazier-Jimmy Ellis contest in New York the world titleholder.

However, The Ring has found it unwise to accept Clay at his word. It is not able to accept his retirement advertisement at this time.

Clay's latest notice of abandonment of the title, which he has not defended since his seven-round knockout of Zora Folley in New York on March 22, 1967, was made at a press conference called for the express purpose of advertising Murry Woroner's computer phantasy between Cassius and the late Rocky Marciano, which later was screened all over the United States and other areas, at $5 to $10 a look.

If Clay meant what he said in Chicago, and reiterated 55 hours later on Ed Sullivan's television program within the hearing of millions of viewers, then The Ring must come forward with support of a new world title holder.

However, Clay made similar announcements from time to time, and when questioned as to their authenticity, admitted that he had not yet made his decision.

Clay continues to be a captive of the love of money. This is not a crime. But he swings in the wind like a weather vane.

It would not be wise for The Ring to announce its abandonment of Clay as the champion, only to see him "defend the title" against some stumblebum in a telephone booth, for the closed circuit TV revenue. Moolah is the crux.

The Ring has no intention of taking the title away from Muhammad Ali only to find him resuming his fistic career on being cleared of a draft dodger felony by the Supreme Court. The court has been capricious.

Cassius Clay, still recognized by The Ring as heavyweight champion of the world, signs a few autographs before entering a theatre in Philadelphia. Clay recently made another one of his frequent retirement announcements.

CASSIUS SAYS HE'S THROUGH, BUT HE DIDN'T SAY POSITIVELY — OR DID HE?

ESSENTIAL VERDICT ON CLAY'S TITLE STATUS NEARS

Will he or won't he? That's the big question concerning Clay. Is he going to don the gloves in the ring again or hang 'em up for good? Cassius looks as if he's doing a lot soul searching about it here.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Ellis, on the left, and Joe Frazier have fought it out between them at Madison Square Garden. Did it really settle matters in the heavyweight ranks? (Below) Ellis appears to be mugging it pretty good for the camera as he works on the heavy bag in preparation for Frazier.

The title claims of the winner of the Frazier-Ellis match were made stronger by the Clay pronouncement.

But there is additional argument for delaying the final word on Clay's championship status.

Cassius Clay has become one of the most avid seekers after publicity in the history of the heavyweight division.

Report has it that he has contracted with Random House, on payment to him of $200,000, for publication of his "official autobiography." The book, it is further reported, is to lead to a motion picture which will attempt to tell his life story, already told so often.

These lush contracts demand widespread publicity and Cassius certainly is after it, and succeeding.

The Chicago press conference was covered by leading news agencies, but there was no widespread use of their reports.

On the Sullivan TV program, Clay advised fight buffs to see the computer phantasy because, as he put it, the synthetic movie would afford them their last chance to see Cassius Clay-Muhammad Ali in the ring.

After Clay's advertised retirement, nobody could blame The Ring if it abandoned Clay as the champion. But it promised him his day in court, and the benefits of full process of law. The mills of the gods, and the courts, grind slowly and their lack of speed has to be condoned.

Now that there has been a Frazier-Ellis confrontation, how much longer can The Ring wait for the court to settle the legality of his felony decision? How much longer can The Ring, with consideration for the heavyweight title and the welfare of boxing, wait for Clay's decision concerning his fistic future—if he is cleared by the court? These are difficult questions and The Ring is pondering them carefully.

In important connection with the Clay case we find this bulletin about action by the Supreme Court in a matter involving a drafted registrant:

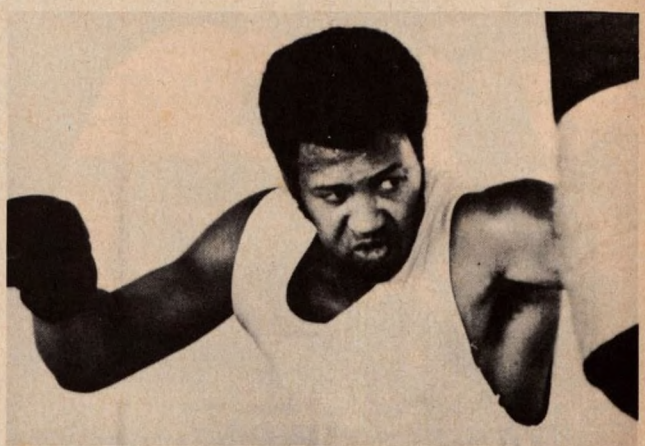
"Agreed to decide if a local draft board is legally required to re-open the classification of a registrant who after being ordered to report for induction contends for the first time that he is a conscientious objector (No. 655, Mulloy v. United States)."

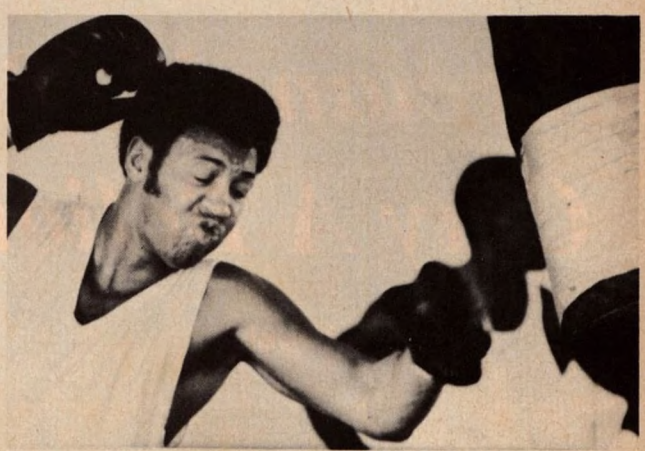
As a corollary to his retirement advertisement Clay said he regretted hanging up his gloves without having fought Frazier. Cassius had been down-grading the Olympian and up-grading Clay. Hardly surprising.

Clay added that he had been in communication with promoters who were promising him fights and who failed to come up with bona fide offers and locations willing to battle the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Cassius said that he would listen to promoters no more and that he had quit.

The Ring agrees that the Clay case is moving to a climax, now that the Frazier-Ellis result has gone into the 1970 Record Book.





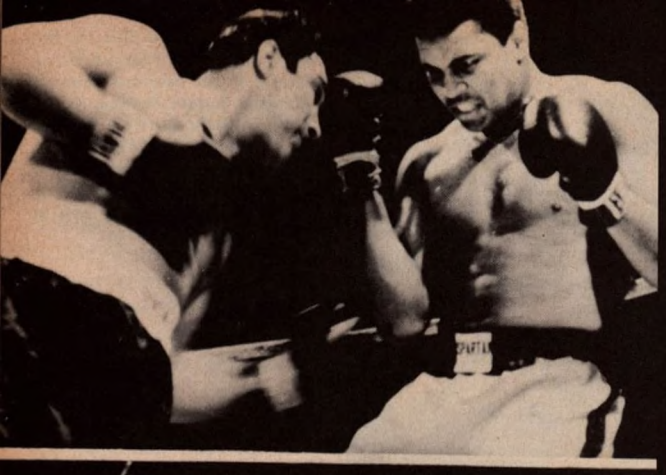
To go on calling Clay the world champion, if he continues to insist that he is finished with the ring, would be pressing the patience and tolerance of many fight fans to the limit.

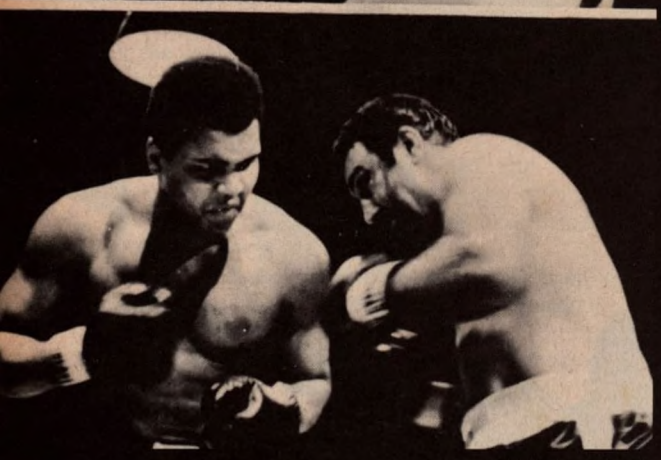
Time has softened the hard core of Clay's support as the world champion and he knows it.

If Clay now is taken at his word on retirement, and then changes his mind and buys a new set of gloves, he will have to be regarded as the challenger.

Likewise, if he is cleared by the Supreme Court, which now is asked to review evidence free of tapes picked up with the aid of wiretaps and bugs.

Washington says that the Clay appeal is not likely to come before the Supreme Court before next June. That would throw the case, without doubt, into the Fall calendar, and more waiting.





Here is some action in the early going of the computer bout between Rocky Marciano and Cassius which was shown in more than 850 theatres throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Marciano connects with a right to the shoulder in the filmed fight as referee Chris Dundee, who promotes bouts in Miami and Miami Beach, watches. Marciano reduced 50 pounds for the match.

Marciano's 13-Round KO Of Clay A Believable Fantasy

By NAT LOUBET

THE all-time computerized heavyweight championship movie starring Rocky Marciano, with a new toupee, and Cassius Clay, added a new dimension to a world in which machines are supposedly perfect; man slightly less.

Complete with color and sound effects that included the thumps of blows and the background of audience participation, it was staged like an actual fight. The showmanship of Murry Woroner, producer of computer fights was never more in evidence. As you know, Marciano won in the 13th.

With no actual audience, with a backdrop, a ring and a referee, Clay and Marciano went through the dictated paces as set fourth for them by an NCR computer.

The referee was Chris Dundee, Miami Beach promoter, and brother of Angelo Dundee, who was associated with Clay and is current pilot of Jimmy Ellis. His job was limited, since there were

Here are the heavyweight champions, neither of whom ever lost a professional contest, at long range. Clay wasn't very enthusiastic about the ending he witnessed in a Philadelphia theatre.

no clinches in the bout. For long periods in the film the referee was not in evidence.

The filmed version of a meeting between Marciano, undefeated former heavyweight champion of the world and Clay, was as exciting as any Hollywood script of a boxing match.

It had its flaws but to the man in the theatre it was believable. Rocky, with 50 pounds taken off of his aging frame, took an early beating and was dropped in the eighth round.

The Rock was unable to catch his foe in those early rounds as a fast-stepping and quick-handed Clay stabbed Rocky's face into a red mask. Rocky's right eye was "cut" in the third round, his left eye and nose were "sliced" in the fifth session and ketchup poured from these wounds from then on.

Marciano started back towards the winner's circle when he belted Clay to the canvas in the 10th and 12th rounds.

When the bell rang for the 13th, both men were even in points, 114-114. The round was only 57 seconds old when Rocky culminated a swarming rush with two rights and a left to Clay's head and Cassius went to one knee. He attempted to rise and then collapsed, to be counted out.

The kayo was believable, with Clay giving the impression of being on rubbery legs before being knocked cold.

After each round the computer awarded points and evaluated the round for the movie's best contribution to boxing. Certain elements of the round-by-round comments might be studied for possible useage by the world's boxing authorities.

In real life, Marciano, before his retirement, won 49 professional fights with no defeats. Clay, up to his trouble with Uncle Sam, also had been undefeated, with 29 victories.

The filmed "fight" was completed just three weeks prior to Marciano's death in an Iowa corn field. He supposedly never knew the results. The two men had boxed between 50 and 70 rounds for the celluloid strip and out of all of this sweat, editing and splicing brought the extravaganza into 13 rounds.

Guy Lebow was the commentator and he told me he had to talk out several endings and had no knowledge which ending was to be used.

The charge to witness the show was $5.00 per head and the theatres were packed, contrary to many boxing people who scoffed that the venture would not be a success.

Clay, Marciano's family, and Woroner all made a parcel of green stuff out of the "Super Fight." You never can tell, can you?

Clay was visibly irritated at the ending despite the loot which made the climax palatable. "It's science fiction," he said and added, "Sure, it upsets me but it is just a make believe fight. People have seen me in the ring for the last time. I'll never fight again."

Cassius has made similar comments in the past and then back tracked on his statements. Does he mean it this time?

If taken seriously the computers become not only factual outletes but fortune tellers and as such might scare hell out of athletes in all sports.

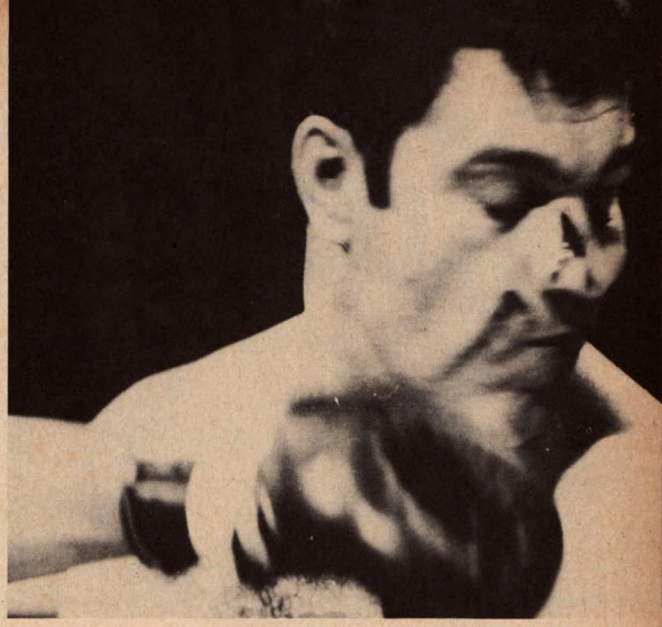
How accurate can a computer be in forecasting the future based on past performances? What would a computer have to say about bonus athletes like Joe Namath and his trick knees?

Back in 1968, the computer picked the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League to beat the New York Jets of the American Football League in the Super Bowl game. The computer was wrong. As far back as 1967, Dick Tiger, then light heavyweight champion of the world, was tabbed as the loser to Roger Rouse. Tiger knocked out Roger in 12 rounds.

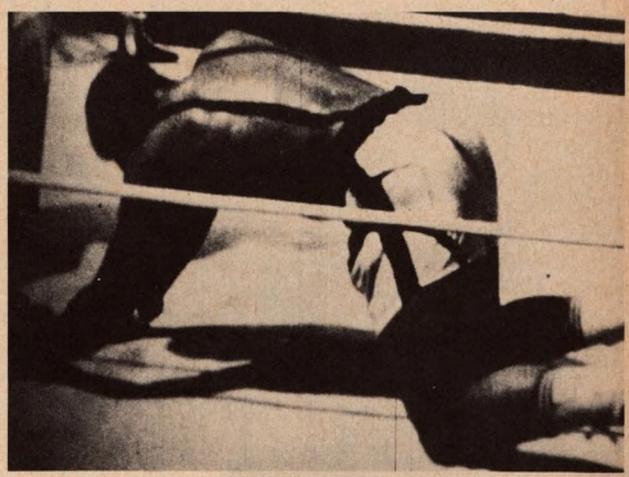
How can a computer pick an upset? The facts must lead to a logical conclusion and upsets would be hard to compute.

Angelo Dundee said: "Bouts like the Clay-Marciano fantasy are interesting but computers can never take into consideration the human elements that make the difference."

The basic weakness of comparing fighters through computers lies in the premise that both men are being evaluated over a period as to their fistic talents, *(Continued on page 38)*

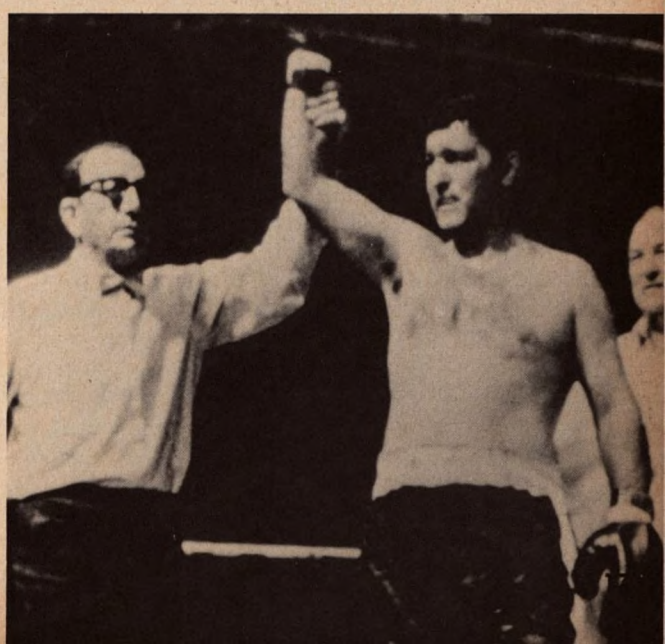


Marciano, sporting a big cut on his nose, absorbs a left to the jaw from Clay. The filming was completed three weeks before Marciano's tragic death.



Here is the end as Clay, on his hands and knees, attempts to rise in the 13th round. He was counted out at 0:57 of the round. Cassius had previously been floored in the 10th and 12th rounds. Marciano was down in the eighth.

Referee Dundee raises Marciano's hand in token of victory after the Brockton Blockbuster scored his knockout of Clay. There are those who say, if they met in real contest, Clay would have won. Others maintain Rocky would have polished Cassius off even quicker.



IS LIGHT HEAVY TITLE NECESSARY? ASK FOSTER

By GEORGE GIRSCH

IF Bob Foster, world light heavyweight champion, were to ask "What good is that title?" he would merit a vote of justification.

Foster achieved the 175-pound leadership on May 24, 1968, in New York's Garden, with a four-round KO of Dick Tiger.

Foster had three outings in 1968 after the Tiger affair. Bob stopped Charley Polite, Eddie Vick and Roger Rouse. In 1969, the champion knocked out Frankie De Paula, in one; Andy Kendall, in four; Levan Roundtree in four, and Chuck Leslie in five.

Thus far in 1970, Foster has had only one appearance, and that a mere exhibition, with Jim Carofelli.

The dope is that Foster's contract has been sold by the Mushky Salow interests to Joe Gennaro, of Youngstown, and Pete Ashlock, of Orlando, Fla., for $100,000.

Foster's partnership with Salow was hardly a resounding success, for two major reasons. One, Salow's troubles with the New York Commission; two, lack of contenders for the light heavyweight championship.

The Garden is reported to be ready to give Tiger a return with Foster. But Bob wants $100,000, and the match frankly isn't worth it.

Thus, at an age over 30, Bob finds himself in the role of a 1970 outcast, ready to fight, but unable to stir up keen interest in that willingness.

In short, Foster finds himself unable to capitalize on his championship. He wonders if he would not be better off if he turned in the title and announced himself as a contender for the heavyweight championship.

Foster's dilemma is nothing new. Light heavyweight champions from away back regarded their titles as push-alongs to heavyweight contention. There never has been a time of plenty insofar as 175-pound material has been concerned.

It will be recollected that after Tommy Loughran had outpointed future heavyweight champion Jim Braddock in 15 rounds on July 18, 1929, the Philadelphian turned in his title and announced that he would campaign as a heavyweight.

It also will be recollected that Tommy's first match under his new policy, in September, 1929, resulted in a three-round KO defeat by Jack Sharkey.

John Henry Lewis was another light heavyweight champion who surrendered the title. John's efforts as a heavyweight were drab. He was stopped in one round by Joe Louis in January, 1939.

Billy Conn, who almost won the heavyweight crown from Louis, surrendered the light heavy laurels on June 4, 1941.

On June 18, 1941, the 200-pound Louis saved his title in Round No. 13 against Conn, who came in at 174. The brash Irishman had it, and then, suddenly, he was on the deck.

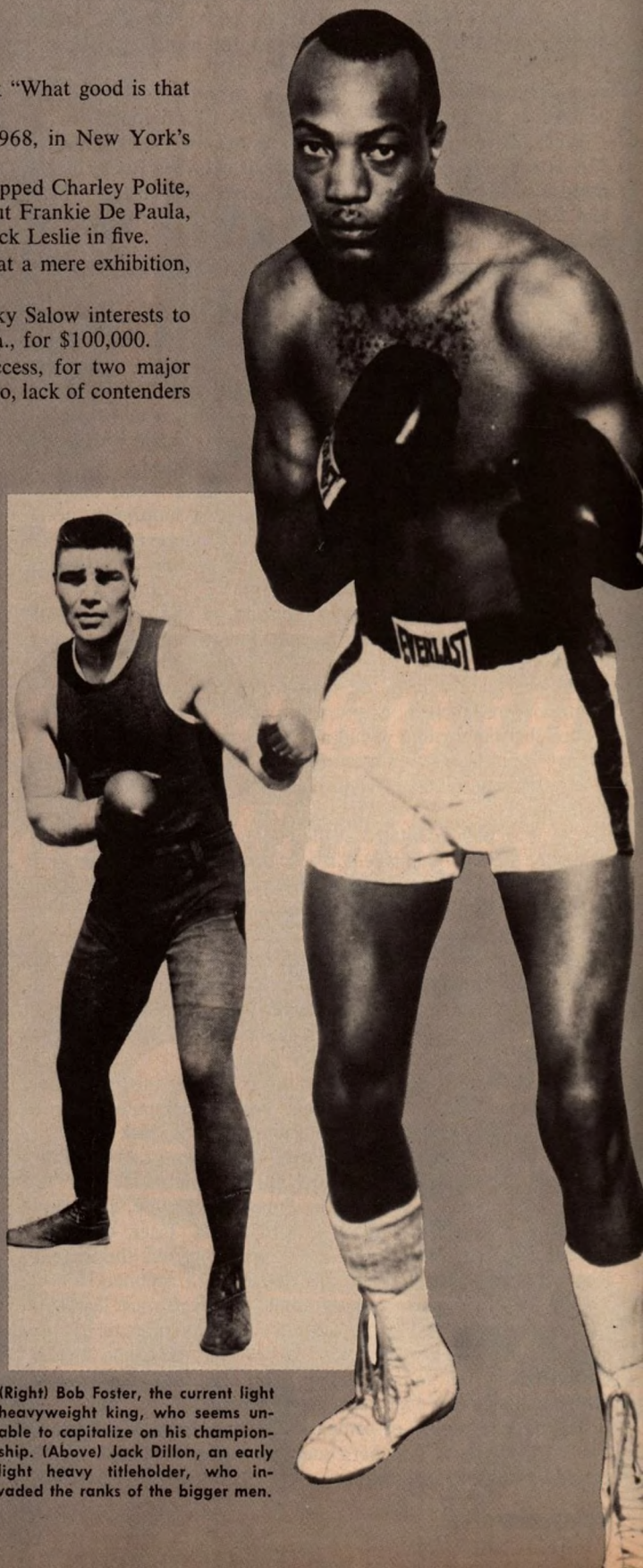
It might be asked, with considerable logic and support from Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book, if the light heavyweight championship really is needed.

The 175-pound title was the brain child of Lou Houseman, a Chicago manager and promoter, in 1903.

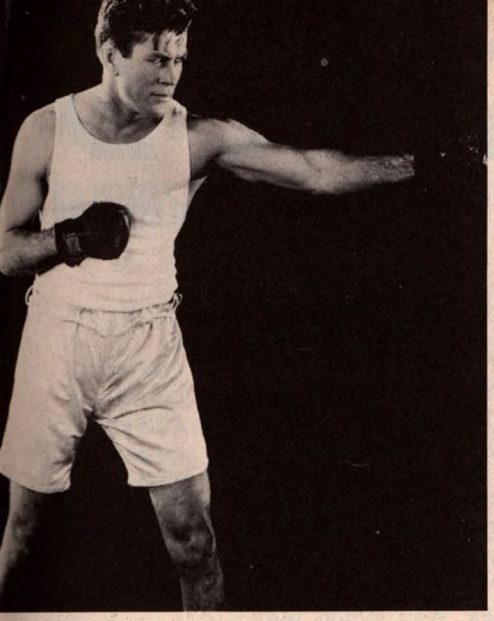
Houseman had a capable boxer in Jack Root. Jack was too light to fight as a heavy and too heavy to joust as a middleweight.

Lou announced that he was setting up a new class, and matched Root with Kid McCoy. They met in Detroit on April 22, 1903, and Root clearly outpointed the crafty Kid.

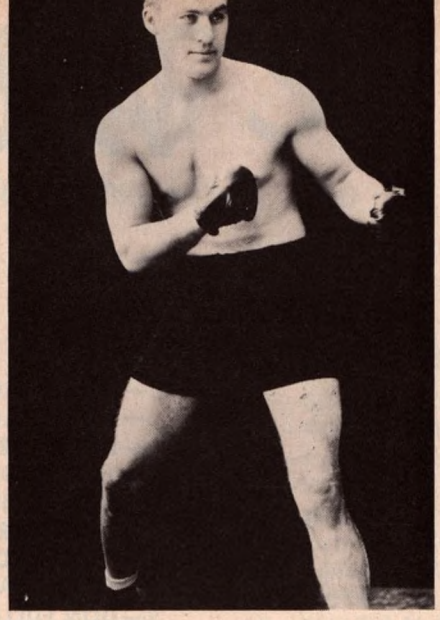
In July, 1903, Root was knocked out by George Gardner, and five months later Bob Fitzsimmons outpointed Gardner.



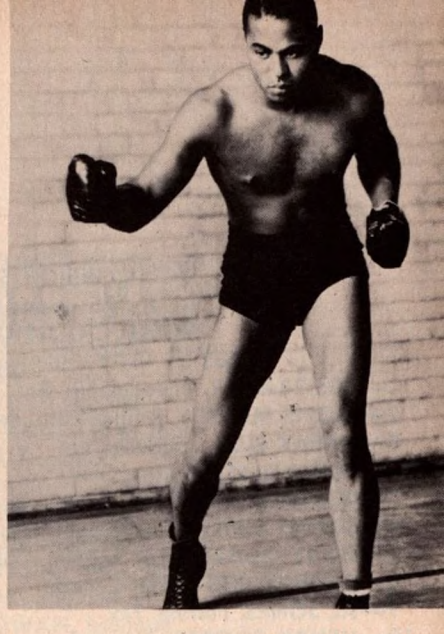
(Right) Bob Foster, the current light heavyweight king, who seems unable to capitalize on his championship. (Above) Jack Dillon, an early light heavy titleholder, who invaded the ranks of the bigger men.



Gene Tunney, who gave up the 175-pound crown to campaign among the heavies. He defeated Jack Dempsey in 1926 for heavyweight honors.



Tommy Loughran also abandoned the light heavy title, and was fairly successful in the heavyweight ranks.

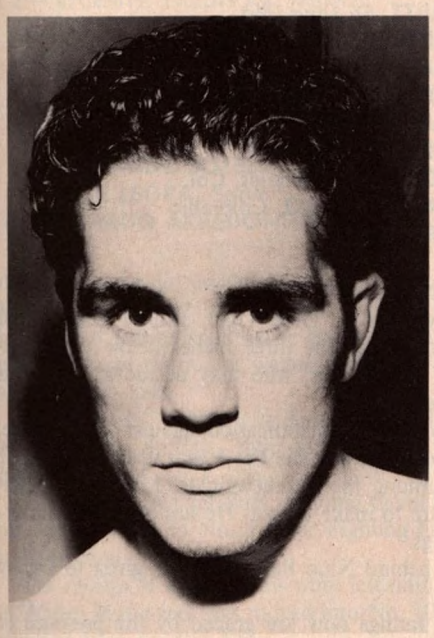


John Henry Lewis, an excellent 175-pound champion, was disappointing once he moved up. Joe Louis stopped him in one round.

After Fitz came Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who ignored his light heavy leadership. After Jack came Jack Dillon, who also snubbed the light heavies and went after the bigger men.

The years rolled along, without much light heavyweight history being made until, in February, 1923, titleholder Gene Tunney threw in the crown and went after the heavyweight championship. This he took from Jack Dempsey in 1926.

For Foster to enter the heavyweight arena would not be a new adventure for him. He has fought big men, and he has not prospered among them.



Billy Conn surrendered his title two weeks before meeting Louis in June of 1941. Conn, who had been ahead on points, was stopped by the Brown Bomber in the 13th round.

Bob suffered a serious setback in October, 1962, when he was stiffened by Doug Jones in eight rounds. Jones came within a cat's whisker of beating Cassius Clay on March 13, 1963, in New York. There were quite a few competent judges who called it for Jones. Now Doug is forgotten.

On July 10, 1964, another foray into the heavyweight ranks resulted in Foster's being stopped by Ernie Terrell, in seven heats.

On December 6, 1965, in New Orleans, Foster was beaten by Zora Folley in a ten.

For a man who has been campaigning as a pro for 11 years, Foster has engaged in comparatively few bouts. At one time he quit fighting and went into an industrial plant. That was when Bob gave some thought to retiring from the ring.

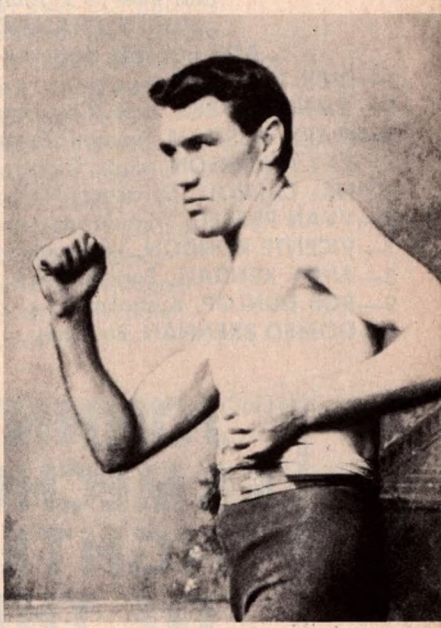
There are competent judges who believe that Foster is the best light heavyweight champion since the Loughran heyday.

Some of these critics ask you to forget Foster's failures against Terrell, Jones and Folley and to regard Bob, after his victory over Tiger, as a new fighter with a new competence.

How good is Foster, as of 1970? There is no telling. Would he have beaten the Tiger who beat Jose Torres in 15 rounds in 1966? Could Foster have succeeded where Loughran, as a heavyweight entry, failed?

Could Foster as he is today have been a serious contender if he had been admitted into the heavyweight eliminations, with Jimmy Ellis, Oscar Bonavena, Jerry Quarry, Karl Mildenberger, Thad Spencer, Leotis Martin and Ernie Terrell?

Terrell's victory over Bob, and Ernie's failure in the tournament, won by Ellis, would appear to negate the query.



Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who won the light heavy title from Bob Fitzsimmons, but never defended his crown, meeting heavies instead.

The most important change in Foster has been noted in his demeanor, his confidence, his mental attitude.

He no longer has any misgivings about boxing promising him a worthwhile return in money.

Those closest to Bob tell you that when he says, "I am the greatest fighter in the business," he means it.

Bob's techniques now are thoroughly suited to heavyweight competition. He has a powerful uppercut, a strong left hook. He is a swarmer, a fighter with splendid physical weapons. He is tall—6 feet 3½ inches tall. As to weight, he has no trouble at all making the light heavy limit of 175 pounds. But he does have trouble putting on solid weight over 175.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CASSIUS CLAY, Houston, Texas
1—**JOE FRAZIER**, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**LEOTIS MARTIN**, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**JIMMY ELLIS**, Louisville, Ky.
4—**MAC FOSTER**, Fresno, Calif.
5—**OSCAR BONAVENA**, Argentina
6—**SONNY LISTON**, Las Vegas, Nev.
7—**JERRY QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Cal.
8—**GEORGE CHUVALO**, Canada
9—**AL JONES**, Perrine, Fla.
10—**HENRY COOPER**, England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.
1—**DICK TIGER**, Biafra
2—**JIMMY DUPREE**, Jersey City, N.J.
3—**MARK TESSMAN**, Houston, Texas
4—**RAY ANDERSON**, Akron, Ohio
5—**HAL CARROLL**, Syracuse, N. Y.
6—**YVAN PREBEG**, Yugoslavia
7—**VICENTE RONDON**, Venezuela
8—**ANDY KENDALL**, Portland, Ore.
9—**BOB DUNLOP**, Australia
10—**GOMEO BRENNAN**, Bahamas

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NINO BENVENUTI, Italy
1—**DENNY MOYER**, Portland, Ore.
2—**FREDDIE LITTLE**, Las Vegas, Nev.
3—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, Miami Beach, Fla.
4—**TOM BOGS**, Denmark
5—**EMILE GRIFFITH**, New York, N.Y.
6—**JUAN CARLOS DURAN**, Italy
7—**FRASER SCOTT**, Seattle, Wash.
8—**DOYLE BAIRD**, Akron, O.
9—**DON FULLMER**, West Jordan, Utah
10—**CARLOS MONZON**, Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—**MANUEL GONZALEZ**, Odessa, Texas
2—**ERNIE LOPEZ**, Las Vegas, Nev.
3—**PERCY PUGH**, New Orleans, La.
4—**HEDGEMON LEWIS**, Detroit, Mich.
5—**RODRIGO VALDEZ**, Colombia
6—**JOHANN ORSOLICS**, Austria
7—**CURTIS COKES**, Dallas, Texas
8—**BILLY BACKUS**, Syracuse, N.Y.
9—**RAUL RODRIGUEZ**, Mexico
10—**DONATO PADUANO**, Canada

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NICOLINO LOCHE, Argentina
1—**BRUNO ARCARI**, Italy
2—**ADOLPH PRUITT**, St. Louis, Mo.
3—**JOAO HENRIQUE**, Brazil
4—**TURK KAMACI**, Austria
5—**JIMMY ROBERTSON**, San Francisco, Cal.
6—**ENRIQUE JANA**, Argentina
7—**EDDIE GARCIA**, Downey, Calif.
8—**LARRY HARDING**, Los Angeles, Cal.
9—**GERMAN GASTELBONDO**, Colombia
10—**ELY YARES**, Philippines

JOHNNY FAMECHON FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

ON the strong basis of his 13-round knockout of Fighting Harada, Johnny Famechon, featherweight champion of the world, is entitled to the citation of Fighter of the Month.

The Australian put up possibly his best fight as he removed doubt as to his superiority over the Japanese.

Japan screamed when Famechon got the decision over the Japanese in a 15-round battle which settled the question of Johnny's being enitled to the feather crown last summer.

The Famechon victory stood out among a mixed collection of results in all classes, which produced a general scrambling of ratings.

The one class which refused to permit any shifting about was the heavyweight. This before the Frazier-Ellis fight, which will bring important action in the May ratings.

The Ring's rating committee was awaiting the firm announcement of Cassius Clay on his plans. Cassius had announced his intention to fight no more. But The Ring refused to act on his world title at this time.

In the light heavy division, Dick Tiger, Jimmy Dupree and Mark Tessman continued in the three niches below the championship location of Bob Foster, who may decide to throw his hat into the heavyweight ring.

Freddie Little's loss by disqualification against Eddie Pace, another American, in Rome cost the Las Vegas teacher his No. 1 contender position among the middleweights. Little was penalized for alleged failure to make a fight. He has been very unfortunate in foreign rings.

Little's spot right behind Nino Benvenuti was given to Denny Moyer.

The welterweight ratings now are graced by the presence of classical boxer Donato Paduano, of Montreal. Paduano's spectacular style and effectiveness against Irish Pat Murphy in New York's Garden lifted him into the ranking.

Pedro Carrasco's having turned in the lightweight championship of Europe did not affect his No. 1 ranking behind Mando Ramos. Pedro wants to fight as a welter. His classification will be changed just as soon as he engages in a contest at the 130-pound limit of the junior welters, or the 147-pound limit of the welterweight class.

In the junior lightweight class, Silvero Ortiz, 11-0, jumped over Antonio Amaya, right behind No. 1 contender Ruben Navarro.

In the featherweight class, Antonio Gomez, Venezuela, moved up a good way into No. 3, over Fighting Harada, who had lost to Famechon.

The ratings of the bantams were left undisturbed through No. 8. Walter McGowan was moved into No. 10, with Leo Calderon dropped from the Big Ten.

No changes were made in the listing of the flyweights, who continue to show Thailand's Berkrek Chartvanchai as the standout challenger of Efren Torres.

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1970

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MANDO RAMOS, Long Beach, Calif.
1—**PEDRO CARRASCO**, Spain
2—**ISMAEL LAGUNA**, Panama
3—**JAGUAR KAKIZAWA**, Japan
4—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ**, Venezuela
5—**SUGAR RAMOS**, Mexico
6—**KEN BUCHANAN**, Scotland
7—**ARTURO LOMELI**, Mexico
8—**CARLOS ARO**, Argentina
9—**CHANGO CARMONA**, Mexico
10—**RAUL MONTOYA**, Mexico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HIROSHI KOBAYASHI, Japan
1—**RUBEN NAVARRO**, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—**SILVERO ORTIZ**, Mexico
3—**ANTONIO AMAYA**, Panama
4—**ALTON COLTER**, Phoenix, Ariz.
5—**RAY ECHAVARRIA**, San Jose, Cal.
6—**RENE BARRIENTOS**, Philippines
7—**JOSE ACOSTA**, Venezuela
8—**ALFREDO MARCANO**, Venezuela
9—**YOSHIAKI NUMATA**, Japan
10—**JOSE SMECCA**, Argentina

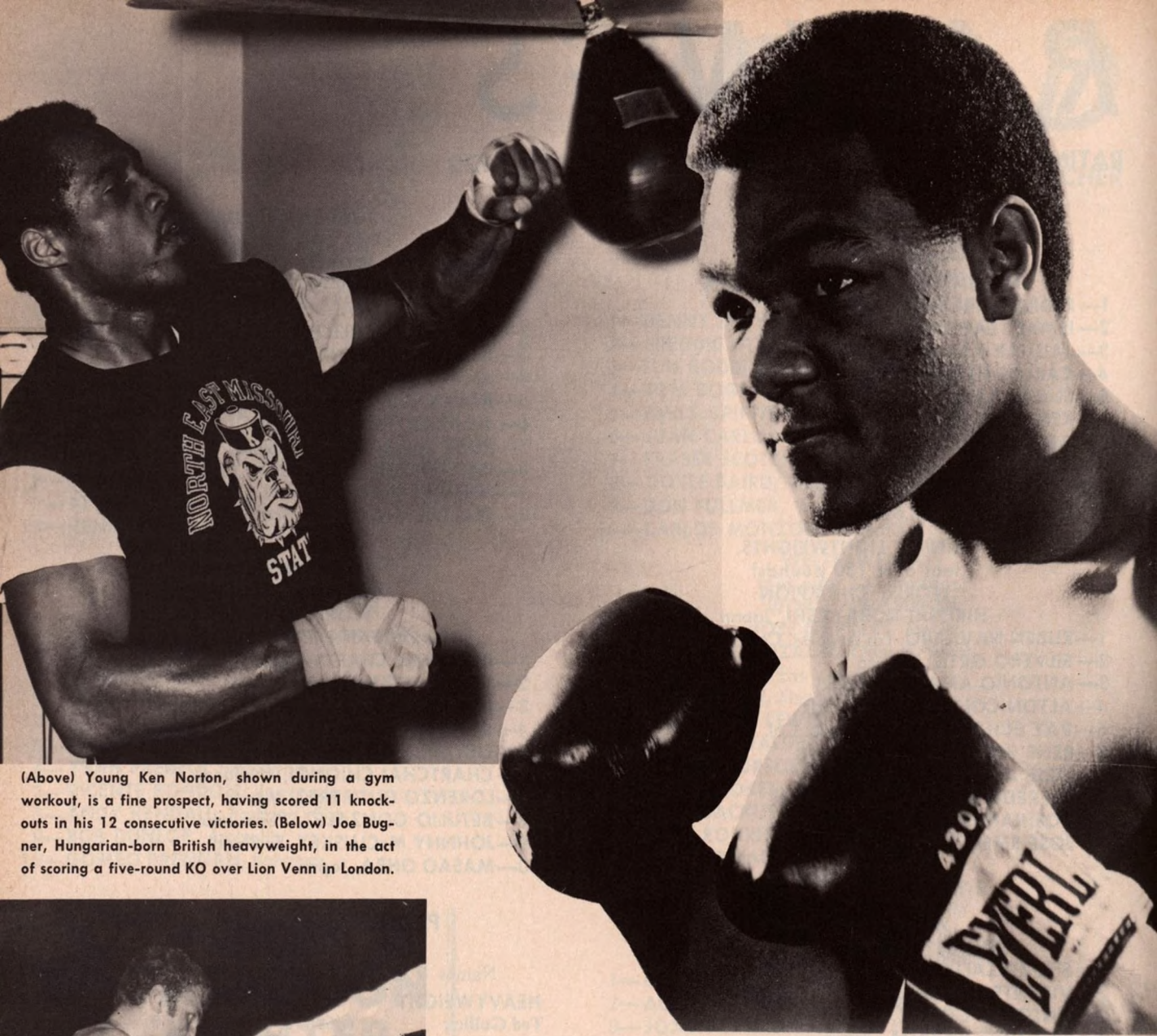
FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOHNNY FAMECHON, Australia
1—**SHOZO SAIJYO**, Japan
2—**VICENTE SALDIVAR**, Mexico
3—**ANTONIO GOMEZ**, Venezuela
4—**FIGHTING HARADA**, Japan
5—**CRUZ MARCANO**, Venezuela
6—**KUNIAKI SHIBATA**, Japan
7—**JIMMY REVIE**, England
8—**FERNANDO SOTELO**, Mexico
9—**JOSE LEGRA**, Spain
10—**RICARDO ARREDONDO**, Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
1—**TAKAO SAKURAI**, Japan
2—**CHUCHO CASTILLO**, Mexico
3—**KAZUYOSHI KANAZAWA**, Japan
4—**ALAN RUDKIN**, England
5—**RAUL CRUZ**, Mexico
6—**JULIO GUERRERO**, Mexico
7—**RUDY ALARCON**, Philippines
8—**KATSUYOSHI TAKAYAMA**, Japan
9—**JOHNNY CLARK**, England
10—**WALTER McGOWAN**, Scotland

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALACRAN EFREN TORRES, Mexico
1—**BERKRERK CHARTVANCHAI**, Thailand
2—**FERMIN GOMEZ**, Mexico
3—**BERNABE VILLACAMPO**, Philippines
4—**SUSUMU HANAGATA**, Japan
5—**OCTAVIO GOMEZ**, Mexico
6—**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI**, Thailand
7—**LORENZO GUTIERREZ**, Mexico
8—**BETULIO GONZALEZ**, Venezuela
9—**JOHNNY McCLUSKEY**, Scotland
10—**MASAO OHBA**, Japan

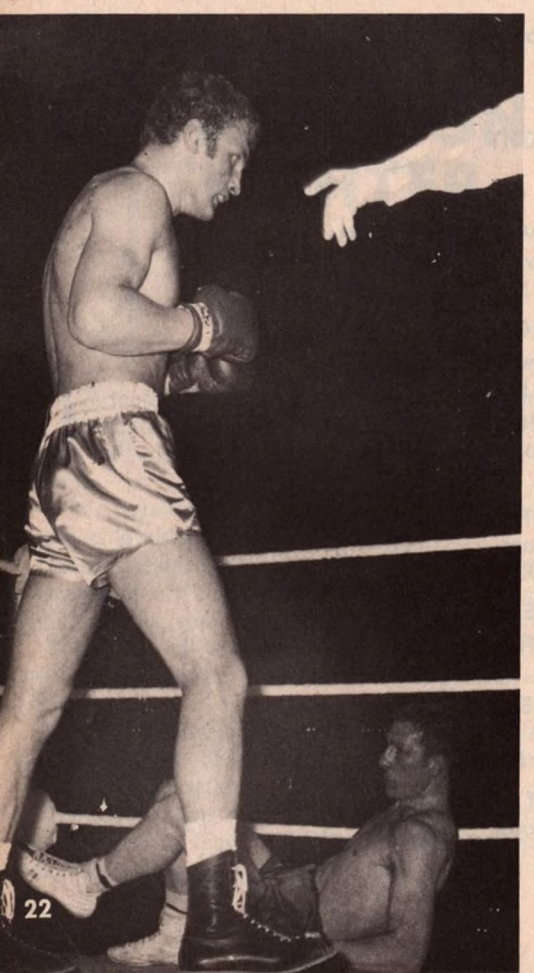
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Ted Gullick, Youngstown, Ohio	7/69	6	6	0	0	6
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT						
Bruno Scholtz, Bridgewater, Mass.	12/69	3	3	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Morris Reeves, Jacksonville, Fla.	10/69	5	5	0	0	4
WELTERWEIGHT						
Dick Topinko, Lackawanna, Pa.	12/68	8	8	0	0	4
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Marion Thomas, Cincinnati, Ohio	10/68	12	11	1	0	3
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Leonel Hernandez, Venezuela	3/69	12	12	0	0	8
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Frankie Rew, Los Angeles, Calif.	5/69	7	7	0	0	7
FLYWEIGHT						
Orlando Amores, Panama	3/67	14	13	1	0	11



(Above) Young Ken Norton, shown during a gym workout, is a fine prospect, having scored 11 knockouts in his 12 consecutive victories. (Below) Joe Bugner, Hungarian-born British heavyweight, in the act of scoring a five-round KO over Lion Venn in London.

George Foreman, the Olympic heavyweight champion, who has been campaigning successfully throughout the United States.



Boxing's Young Lions

By NAT LOUBET

CONSUMMATION of the Frazier-Ellis match did more than open the way for clarification of the world heavyweight championship situation, which has been in a state of befuddlement because of Cassius Clay's being in limbo.

Publication of the lavish financial terms under which Joe and Jimmy were to fight for Madison Square Garden added greatly to the financial incentives which had developed in top and lesser echelons of the heavyweight division.

The situation once again retraced the lines of the White Hope era, though to a somewhat lesser degree.

When the White Hope eliminations developed from Jack Johnson's KO victory over Jim Jeffries in 1910, there were factors which, happily, do not exist today.

The White Hope Era was spurred by considerable impetus from racism. The fact that a Negro was the world champion was resented by thousands of fight followers. Johnson's victory over what was left of the once formidable Jeffries was followed by riots in various parts of the nation, notably Chicago and New York.

The answer to the White Hope movement came with the KO victory of Jess Willard over Johnson in Havana in 1915. By 1919, the year which saw Jack Dempsey knock out Willard, the racial angles in boxing had been dissipated.

Today, there is no racial feeling in the heavyweight picture. It shows seven Negro boxers among the top ten, with Clay, Frazier and Ellis pre-empting the 1-2-3 spots. Clay still is the champion, pending a second appeal to the Supreme Court.

The turnover in the heavyweight division has been incredible. There is a remarkable rise and fall of contenders. There is a plethora of surprising results. There is a popular demand for fights in the better known ranks.

The pace is tough and the dropouts are many. This may be traced to the rivalry between the ring and industry, as well as the various fields of entertainment.

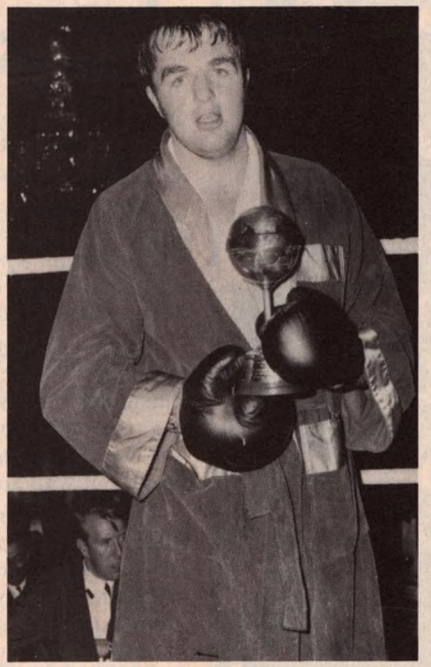
Some heavyweights are living on their past earnings. Some have gone into trucking. Some, like Ernie Terrell, have moved into night club entertainment.

The high mortality of heavyweight ambition and efforts for profit is indicated by examination of the Top Ten in the heavyweight ratings for February 1, 1965. Here is how The Ring ran them:

Champion, Cassius Clay. I, Sonny Liston; 2, Floyd Patterson; 3, Ernie Terrell; 4, George Chuvalo; 5, Karl Mildenberger; 6, Cleveland Williams; 7, Zora Folley; 8, Roger Rischer; 9, Eddie Machen; 10, Doug Jones.

As the year 1970 opened, we found Clay inactive, though still supported as the champion by this magazine; Liston apparently finished after his KO defeat by Leotis Martin; Patterson in retirement since his loss to Jimmy Ellis in September, 1968; Terrell finished with the ring; Chuvalo back in the scramble after a victory over Jerry Quarry; Mildenberger retired; Williams about to quit, reduced to taking beatings from inferior men; Folley reported ill; Rischer reduced to a complete nonentity; Machen retired; and Jones gone and forgotten.

Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain, the modern-day Basque Woodchopper, is an extremely powerful boxer who has racked up an impressive record since turning pro in 1968, knocking out everyone he's faced.



Danny McAlinden is a new British heavyweight sensation. He is touted as "The British Rocky Marciano." Danny is supposed to be a heavy puncher with both hands.

In addition to those who we have listed as being reduced to mere entries in old record books we find the ranks of the retired and the near-retired swelled by Thad Spencer, a truly tragic figure; Eduardo Corletti, who appears only occasionally and who apparently was over-rated in the first place; Buster Mathis, who has turned hermit and may not fight again; Manuel Ramos, the Mexican false alarm; Henry Cooper, who, say kindly British experts, should hang up his gloves; Boone Kirkman, who has been mending serious injuries, had not fought from September, 1968, until just recently; and Brian London, a Quarry victim who appears to belong on the list of dropouts.

Chuvalo, who saved himself from the discarded ranks of the also-rans by stopping Quarry, and Martin, who bombed Liston and headed him toward retirement, both achievements toward the close of 1969, are the chief comebacks of the heavyweight class. They are back in the rating of the leading ten. Martin's eye trouble is a serious hazard.

In addition to these comebacks we have some new fighters of promise whose abilities to stand the severe test of competition have yet to be established. You might call them boxing's Young Lions.

For one, there is Ted Gullick, who as 1969 moved out, stopped Ray Anderson, rated No. 2 among the light heavies, right behind Dick Tiger; George Foreman, the Olympic heavyweight champion who has been campaigning, minus a setback, among carefully chosen opponents; Mac Foster, of California; Al Jones, from Florida; Joe Bugner and Dan McAlinden, who are operating in the British arena; Ken Norton, of San Diego, with 11 knockouts in his 12 straight wins; and Jeff Merritt, of New York.

Britain also offers a couple of more or less experienced but hardly fully tested entries in Jack Bodell and Carl Gizzi.

McAlinden is being touted as "another Marciano," which he isn't. But he is getting some of the fans in England excited, and they certainly can stand some excitement.

George Middleton, Danny's manager,

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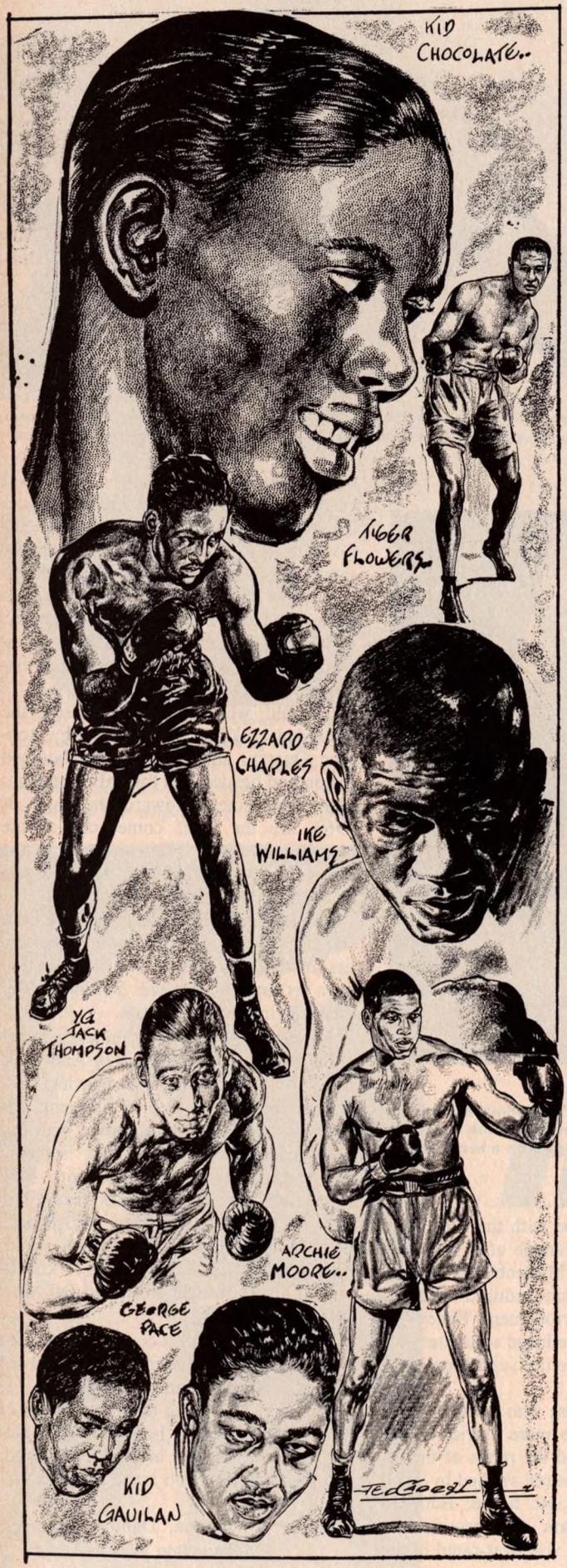


NEGRO ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE IN BOXING HAVE BATTERED DOWN OLD RACIAL BARRIERS

By TED CARROLL

THROUGHOUT this series the point has been stressed that for many years boxing was the only professional sport from which Black Americans were not excluded. As a consequence there is a communion between the Negro and the ring which makes the sport unique in the history of the Black man in the United States. The present proliferation of Negroes in all professional sports provides an incredible contrast to days gone by and a happy prognosis for an eventual curing of the ills of prejudice.

Crowded stadiums and vast television audiences attest to the public acceptance of this racial amalgam on gridiron, court and diamond. The popularity of this space age 'New Order' in sports should come as no surprise when the careers and achievements of the Black champions of boxing are reviewed.

The Negro fighter was the Great Pioneer of sports. When all other doors were closed to members of his race he was a champion of the world, the acknowledged best. It is a paradox that the public, notwithstanding its racial malaise, reacted to the Negro boxer as a champion not with antagonism or resentment, but with acclaim and homage.

There is no form of hero worship conceivable which has not been accorded the Negro champions. They have been received and lauded by presidents, governors, mayors and every kind of public dignitary; honored with parades, banquets, testimonials and civic receptions without end; subjects of books, plays, movies, radio and TV offerings which have been invariably favorable; pursued by women of every ethnic extraction; hailed as conquering heroes both here and abroad; besieged by autograph seekers and idolizers and forgiven transgressions for which ordinary citizens would have sorely paid. With few exceptions for the Negro world champion, kudos has been the name of the game.

It would be unrealistic and innacurate to assume that there has not been a price to pay. As a rugged contact sport, boxing has its hazards and while its fatalities are not enveloped in the flaming death of auto racing nor do they approach those of football numerically, for a time ring tragedies were striking Negro boxers in disproportionate numbers. Only two such accidents involving world champions have occurred. Both victims, Davey Moore and Benny Paret, are among the champions listed herein.

The greatest and most obvious danger in boxing comes from fighting too long. Virtually every Negro fighter of prominence put his well being in jeopardy by wearing out his welcome in the ring. The recent findings in a survey of the Royal College of Physicians in London concluded that while severe brain injury is uncommon among *(Continued on page 26)*

NEGRO BOXING CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD

HEAVYWEIGHTS: Jack Johnson . . . Joe Louis . . . Ezzard Charles . . . Jersey Joe Walcott . . . Floyd Patterson . . . Sonny Liston . . . Cassius Clay.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS: Battling Siki (Senegal) . . . John Henry Lewis . . . Archie Moore . . . Harold Johnson . . . Jose Torres (Puerto Rico) . . . Dick Tiger (Biafra) . . . Bob Foster.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Tiger Flowers . . . Gorilla Jones . . . Sugar Ray Robinson . . . Randy Turpin (England) . . . Dick Tiger . . . Emile Griffith.

WELTERWEIGHTS: Original Joe Walcott (Barbados) Dixie Kid . . . Young Jack Thompson . . . Henry Armstrong . . . Sugar Ray Robinson . . . Kid Gavilan (Cuba) . . . Johnny Bratton . . . Johnny Saxton . . . Virgil Akins Benny Kid Paret (Cuba) . . . Emile Griffith . . . Luis Rodriguez (Cuba) . . . Curtis Cokes . . . Jose Napoles (Mexico) . . . Don Jordan.

LIGHTWEIGHTS: Joe Gans . . . Beau Jack . . . Bob Montgomery . . . Ike Williams . . . Wallace Bud Smith . . . Jimmy Carter . . . Henry Armstrong . . . Joe Brown . . . Ismael Laguna (Panama) . . . Teo Cruz (Domin. Rep.)

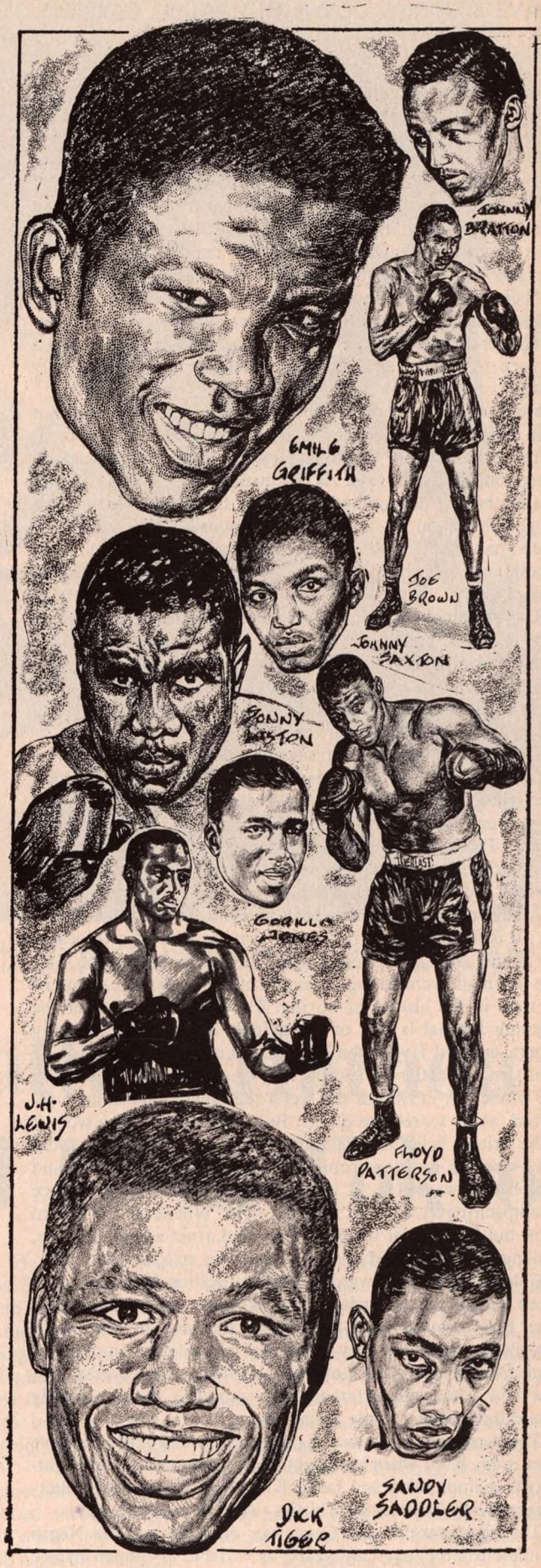
FEATHERWEIGHTS: George Dixon . . . Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson . . . Kid Chocolate (Cuba) . . . Henry Armstrong . . . Chalky Wright . . . Sandy Saddler . . . Hogan Kid Bassey (Nigeria) . . . Davey Moore . . . Sugar Ramos (Cuba).

BANTAMWEIGHTS: George Dixon . . . Panama Al Brown Harold Dade . . . George Pace . . . Lionel Rose (Australia).

FLYWEIGHTS: None.

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS: Kid Chocolate.

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS: Eddie Perkins.



GREATEST NEGRO FIGHTERS OF ALL TIME

OLD TIME, 1890-1925

Joe Gans . . . Jack Johnson . . . Sam Langford . . . George Dixon . . . Original Joe Walcott . . . Peter Jackson . . . Harry Wills . . . Dixie Kid . . . Joe Jeannette . . . Jack Blackburn.

MODERN, 1925-PRESENT

Sugar Ray Robinson . . . Joe Louis . . . Henry Armstrong . . . Cassius Clay . . . Kid Chocolate . . . Ike Williams . . . Ezzard Charles . . . Emile Griffith . . . Sonny Liston . . . Floyd Patterson.

HONORABLE MENTION

Bobby Dobbs . . . Sam McVey . . . Kid Norfolk . . . Panama Joe Gans . . . Archie Moore . . . Lloyd Marshall . . . Sandy Saddler . . . Charley Burley.

NEGRO ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE IN BOXING HAVE BATTERED DOWN OLD RACIAL BARRIERS

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boxers a danger of brain damage exists if exposure is prolonged. This is a danger which can be clearly circumvented or even eliminated by retirement at the proper time.

In the past, outstanding boxers have been most reluctant to do this, shifting from place to place to avoid the resolutions of the various boxing bodies to prevent them from continuing. In former years, limitation of employment elsewhere had made Negro boxers particularly vulnerable to the hazards of extending their careers beyond health-wise boundaries.

There seems to be less disposition to do this today as commission bans become more co-operative and opportunities elsewhere for Blacks increase. Eye injuries, usually retinal, are a menace to boxers and those so afflicted should be quickly barred.

Human weakness of the too-much-too-soon syndrome has been the bane of all boxers; leading all too often to the dissipation of thousands of dollars. Negro boxers have been no exception, to say the least As the mainstay of Madison Square Garden boxing during the World War II period, former lightweight champion Beau Jack was responsible for receipts of more than $1,000,000, but his last stop was a Miami hotel shoeshine stand which, incidentally, clears him more than fifty dollars a day.

The introduction of the lawyer and the accountant into the fiscal lives of fighters is designed, and appears destined, to make this type of fate improbable for modern boxers. Joe Frazier's corporate setup is indicative of this new trend, which allots a certain amount of his money to the boxer while retaining control of the major part of it.

There are scant traces of any inequalities in the ring game today. But for many years, particularly during the Prohibition Era, when betting on boxing was at its peak, the Black fighter often found that a lucrative match was polluted with a "proposition." The late Bill Farnsworth, then sports editor of the New York Journal-American, thought this was the case when he covered the Young Jack Thompson-Jimmy McLarnin match in Madison Square Garden back in 1930. Wrote Farnsworth, ". . . It is the opinion of this writer that the fans who witnessed the Jimmy McLarnin-Young Jack Thompson fight at the Garden last night were sitting in on one of the cleverest barneys of all time in the history of boxing. The official decision of the Evening Journal is that of Hype Igoe, our most able boxing expert, and old Hypus thinks that McLarnin won and that he won strictly on the up and up. Bill Corum figured Thompson the winner. A draw was the worst the Negro should have received, as he scored the points. But regardless of who won, it is the writer's belief that Thompson was under a pull. He could have won the decision from here to his native California and back had he wanted to . . . just as sure as I am writing this piece Thompson never tried to win this fight. Whenever the Negro came out from under wraps he gave McLarnin a boxing lesson, making the baby-faced Irishman look like an amateur . . ."

Color blindness in awarding a close decision has come to be taken for granted nowadays, with no reason to believe otherwise. But for many years this was not the case, and the Negro boxer's edge had to be very substantial in a mixed championship bout. One of the victims of this persistent practice years ago was Kid Chocolate, who in these equitable times probably would have been a triple champion.

The decisions which went against him would probably have been in his favor when he fought Tony Canzoneri for the lightweight championship and Jackie Kid Berg for the junior welterweight crown back in the Thirties, were he boxing today.

The characters of the Caucasian managers of the Negro champions were, over the years, as variable as human nature itself, running the gamut from outright roguery to genuine affection for their charges.

In all fairness to them the management of Negro fighters, frightfully frustrating at best, was not without some personal risk. Tom O'Rourke, once attacked by irate ringsiders at a Dixon fight in Providence, R.I., narrowly escaped with his life. Such incidents were not uncommon in the old days. A consensus of the cognoscenti, besides those mentioned in previous articles, names such people as Gil Clancy, Papa Bob Levy, Bobby Melnick, Eddie Walker, Luis Guitterez, Charley Johnston, Suey Welch, Jersey Jones and Jake Mintz as having done well by the Negro boxers they managed.

Boxing, like life itself, exists in sunshine and shadow, its darker recesses illumined by fame's spotlight, money, and the adulation of the crowd. For many years the Negro boxing champion was the most visible representative of a repressed race the very existence of which, except in menial capacities, was largely ignored by the great mass of Americans. Therefore the fighter found himself in the isolated role of a kind of ambassador to a majority group from a minority with which it commonly had little contact.

How well Gans played this part has been explored in a prior piece and Joe Louis, as heavyweight champion, was the most famous Negro of his time.

Of all the great Negro boxers of the past, Archie Moore best symbolizes the public favorite. Archie, who came upon his great days late in athletic life, was a virtuoso at playing upon the strings of public affection. An opportunist who turned this talent to a worthwhile purpose, he showed that retirement has not diminished his instinct for the proper gesture by reading a poem written by him and dedicated to the memory of the late Rocky Marciano at a boxing show on the Coast some months ago.

Taken as a group, the Negro champions—with rare exceptions—give the lie to baseball manager Leo Durocher's oft-quoted "Nice guys finish last." By and large they fit comfortably into the 'good guy' category.

Products mainly of rugged early environments and barren circumstances, some of them surmounted juvenile indiscretions to become distinguished for good natured likeability and commendable conduct.

The presence of foreigners on the accompanying list accounts for the designation of "colored." There is considerable confusion among Americans both black and white, as to the acceptable nomenclature for those of African or part African descent. To keep everyone happy throughout these articles, a variety of terms has been used. In their native countries none of those listed probably would be referred to as 'Negroes' and in this country the term has become an ambivalent one. But all of them are sufficiently dark-skinned to have been confronted with the problems—receding but not extinct—familiar to Americans of color in the United States.

All of these overseas champions, national heroes in their homelands, performed in the United States, leaving lasting impressions on the sporting public. One of the first, as well as one of the most pathetic and ill-used of these visitors, was the Black African from Senegal, Battling Siki. The tragic trek of Siki from his ancestral Africa to death in a Hell's Kitchen gutter in New York encompassed heroism in World War I; winning the light heavyweight championship from the faded French idol, Georges Carpentier; losing it to the Irishman Mike McTigue, in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day, and a turbulent stay in this country which culminated in his murder. This was a crime in which the authorities, after apprehending a suspect who allegedly confessed, proved so derelict in enforcing justice that the New York Daily News, caustically commented ". . .The white man's law failed to avenge the boy from Africa's jungles."

And indeed it had not. Two bullets in the back had been civilizations gift to the man *(Continued on page 46)*

World featherweight king Johnny Famechon knocks Fighting Harada through the ropes in the 14th round, the fourth time the Japanese was sent canvasward. When referee Nick Pope saw that Harada was helpless after climbing back into the ring, he halted matters at 1:09 of the round.

Famechon Batters Harada Out In Round 14 At Tokyo

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, Japan—It was Johnny Famechon, Australia, over Fighting Harada by KO in Round No. 14, as Johnny made a successful defense of the world featherweight championship. He knocked Harada down four times.

At the end of the 10th round, in which the Japanese decked Famechon for a mandatory eight with a right cross to the jaw, Harada had a chance.

But the Aussie rallied all over the local in the last four heats of their return match.

Famechon belted Harada with hard rights to the body as the Japanese tried to rally in the 11th. In the 12th a left to the head dropped Harada for eight.

The loser was staggered in the 13th round. In the 14th Famechon organized a vehement lefthanded attack to the head and soon Harada was helpless. Referee Nick Pope called an eight-count knockdown against Harada.

On resumption Famechon, supposedly without a punch, belted the challenger through the ropes with a left-right combo. The Fighter clambered painfully back into the ring but he was helpless, and at 1:09 of the 14th round, Pope came to the rescue of the sorely harassed Japanese.

The first Famechon-Harada fight, last July 28 in Sydney, resulted in a victory for the Aussie by a close decision by imported referee Willie Pep.

That night Harada scored knockdowns in the second, 11th and 14th rounds. Famechon decked the Japanese in the eighth round.

Pep and his decision came in for severe criticism, prompting Famechon to ap-

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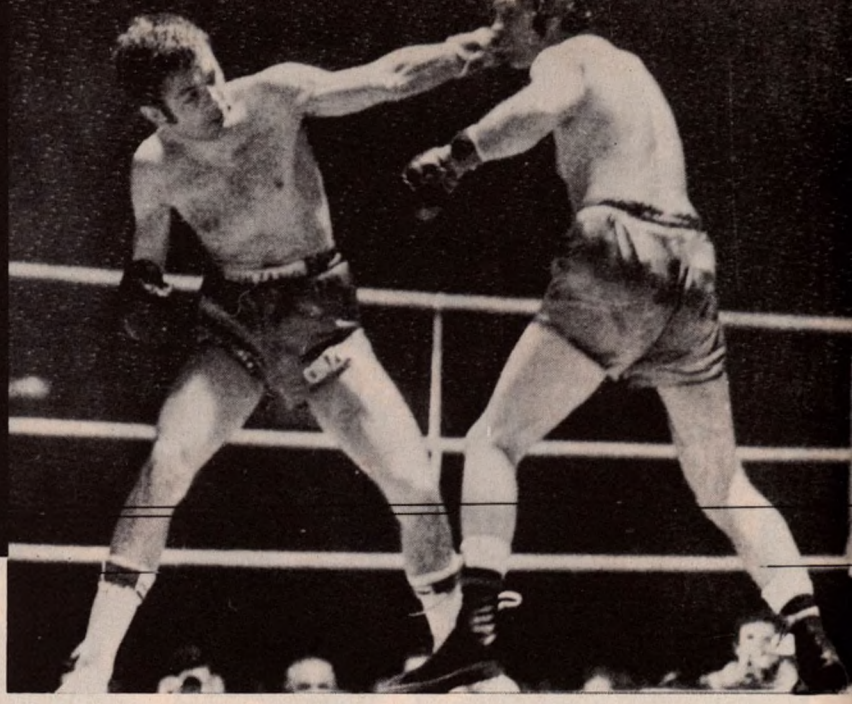
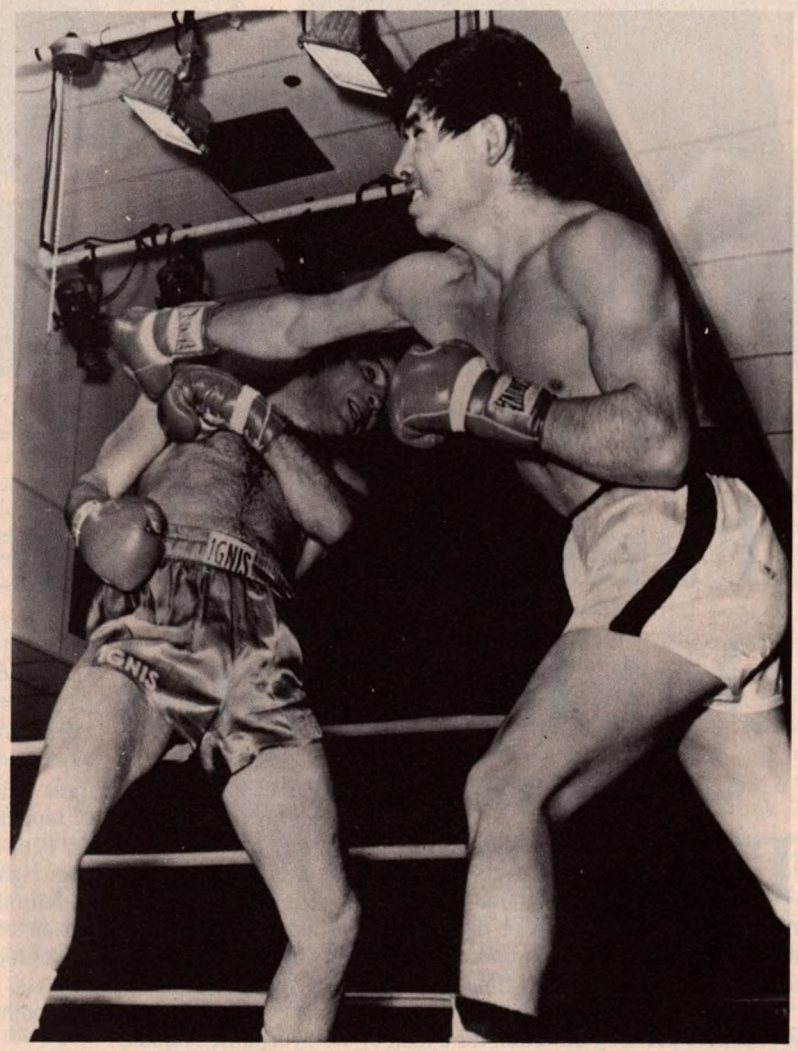
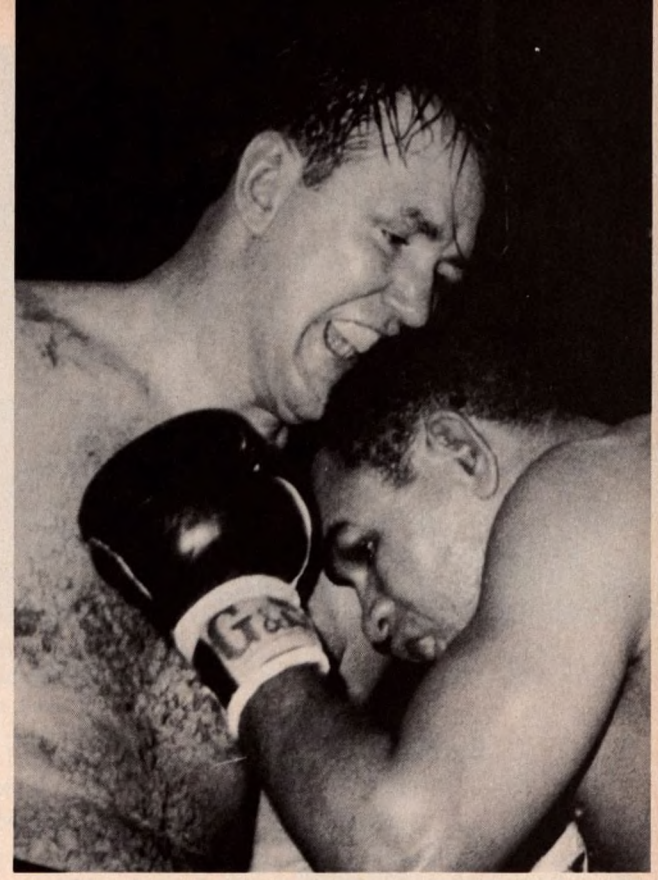


At Madrid, European lightweight king Pedro Carrasco of Spain, connects with a sharp left to the head of Britain's Vic Andreetti during their scheduled 10-rounder. Carrasco scored a TKO in the final round. He has since vacated the crown.



(Left) Bobby Davis of Seth, W. Va., heads for the canvas after being struck with Mike Crislip's powerful right in a preliminary welterweight contest during the West Virginia Golden Gloves tourney. Crislip won via a TKO in the second round. (Above) Sandro Mazzinghi ducks away from a left thrown by Cipriano Hernandez during their scheduled 10-rounder at Las Vegas. Mazzinghi, the former junior middleweight, scored a second-round KO.

Featherweight titleholder Johnny Famechon presents a big flower to tiny Ai Kume, a two-year-old Japanese miss. The Aussie 126-pounder was in Tokyo for title match with Fighting Harada, whom he stopped in 14 rounds.



Chuck Wepner looks as if he's biting Pedro Agosto on the head during their heavyweight contest at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum recently. Wepner won a unanimous 10-round decision.

(Left) Here are two Olympic Gold Medal winners, Bob Roop (left), a member of the Greco-Roman wrestling squad, and George Foreman, who came home with heavyweight boxing honors. Both are now pros in their respective sports. (Above) Henry Clark smashes a hard left to the head of Aussie Bob Dunlop during their contest at Auckland, New Zealand. Clark stopped his man in nine rounds.

Venezuelan Boxers Lead South America Ring Surge

By FRED EISENSTADT

TIME was when a South American fighter of even second class skill was hailed as a world boxing phenomenon.

Your correspondent recollects when Louis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, became so big an attraction that in 1923 he was matched with Jack Dempsey.

Vittorio Campolo was another big man who came out of South America, and now we have Oscar Bonavena, from the Argentine, possibly the strongest man in the game. Another South American who worked in American rings was Alejandro Lavorante, a man of tragedy.

For a time the focal point of South American boxing progress was Buenos Aires. Now it is Caracas. The surge of Venezuelan boxers rivals that of those in Mexico, who have contributed Efren Torres, Ruben Olivares and Jose Napoles to the list of world champions.

Scanning the list of rated fighters we find no fewer than 14 of them from South America.

The list of Caribbean boxers continues to be interesting even with Cuba shut off. There are some Cuban-born pros, notably Luis Rodriguez and Napoles, operating in the United States.

Welterweight Rodrigo Valdez of Colombia (right) lands a right to the chin of Raul Rodriguez during their bout at the Inglewood (Calif.) Forum. Valdez scored a knockout in the ninth round.

Oscar Bonavena, Argentinian heavyweight who is rated among the top ten in the world.

Leading the charge of the Venezuelan brigade are these Top Ten boxers:

Carlos Hernandez, lightweight; Alfredo Marcano, junior lightweight; Jose Acosta, junior lightweight; Antonio Gomez, featherweight and Cruz Marcano, featherweight.

Standout fighters representing other South American countries are Oscar Bonavena, Argentina heavyweight; Carlos Monzan, Argentine middleweight; Rodrigo Valdez, Colombian welter; Enrique Jana, Argentine welter; German Gastelbondo, Colombian junior welter; Carlos Aro, Argentine lightweight; Jose Smecca, Argentine lightweight champion; Joao Henrique, Brazilian junior welter; and Raton Mojica, Nicaraguan bantam.

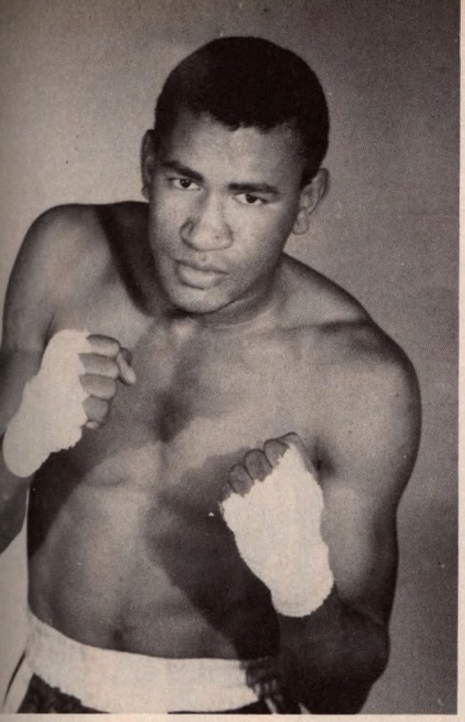
Eugenio Espinoza, junior welterweight from Ecuador, is in and out of the ratings.

Venezuelan boxers are favored financially as their dollar is as strong as the American one in the world markets and they don't have to go seeking financial parity for their efforts.

Bonavena blew his big chances in the WBA heavyweight tournament which was won by Jimmy Ellis. Ringo is tough. But his mental equipment does not match his physical, making him a loser against men whom he should have beaten.

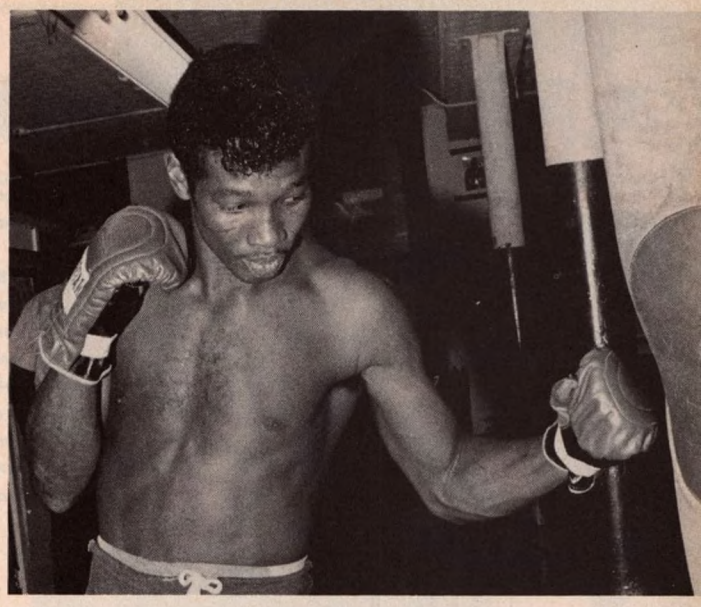
Not one of the top rated boxers representing Venezuela is the bantam Roman Bravo, whom The Ring listed as a Prospect of the Month in its January issue.

Caracas expects especially big things of Rodrigo Valdez. He is a native of Colombia but Venezuela likes him, just the same.



(Left) German Gastelbondo is a topflight junior welterweight who hails from Colombia.

(Right) Here is Valdez during a gym workout. He is boxing in New York under the aegis of Gil Clancy.



Rodrigo is campaigning in New York, and with Gil Clancy pushing him is bound to be getting somewhere.

Very close to the South American picture is lightweight contender Ismael Laguna, of Panama.

The 135-pound class, currently ruled over by Mando Ramos, American of Mexican lineage, has no fewer than ten title threats, the entire Top Ten, from locations outside of the United States, which once presented Benny Leonard and Joe Gans, greatest of all time.

The January ratings of The Ring show this interesting arrangement of lightweights:

1, Ismael Laguna, Panama; 2, Pedro Carrasco, Spain; 3, Jaguar Kakizawa, Japan; 4, Carlos Teo Cruz, Dominican Republic; 5, Arturo Lomeli, Mexico; 6, Ken Buchanan, Scotland; 7, Carlos Aro, Argentina; 8, Carlos Hernandez, Venezuela; 9, Sugar Ramos, Mexico; 10, Chango Carmona, Mexico.

Nicaragua's Raton Mojica (right) embraces Chartchai Chionoi, ex-flyweight king, after defeating the Thailander in a non-title encounter in Managua. Mojica is rated one of the best of the bantams.

South America would like to come up with a real title threat in the heavyweight class. But the way things stand it is willing to let the U.S. set the pace up there as South Americans make hay while the sun shines in the sub-middleweight divisions.

Brazil offers a heavyweight prospect in Luis Pires, 207 pounds, in his New York Garden debut.

Valdez, the Colombian welter, has been getting top billing in the North despite the merited hurrah for Napoles.

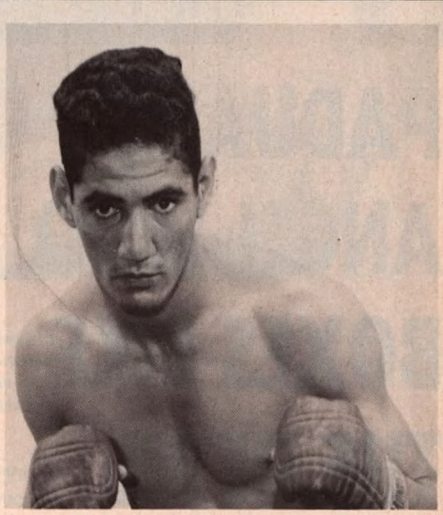
The manner in which Valdez performs, his relaxed and confident attitude, the way he delivers blows or blocks punches, his work at close quarters and his footwork, indicate that he has spent hours in the gym.

Rodrigo's first fight in the United States took place in Las Vegas, where he scored a ten-round decision over Pete Cobblah. Next, also in Las Vegas, came Johnny De Foe—who failed to last one round. Then New York fans had a chance to see Rodrigo.

To the Forum they came, and saw him stow away David "El Toro" Melendez in five rounds, and they were enchanted. The supreme ease with which Valdez handled Melendez, who'd gone undefeated in 21 bouts, amazed Gotham's fight buffs.

"When I got an eyeful of Valdez," said Clancy, "I was immediately impressed. He boxed with his stablemate Emile Griffith—and held his own. Sparred with Ismael Laguna—and seemed to hold back somewhat. Traded punches with middleweight Juarez De Lima—and it was quite a battle. I promptly made a note that Rodrigo Valdez could rise to the top."

On the Napoles-Griffith welterweight title fight card Valdez boxed a semi-final with Raul Rodriguez, welterweight champion of Mexico. In a tough battle, Rodrigo put the long snore on Raul.



Carlos Hernandez of Venezuela, a former junior welterweight titleholder, now campaigns as one of the world's top lightweights.

"Rodrigo weakened him with devastating uppercuts," pointed out Clancy, Rodrigo's manager. "It's a treat to watch him."

Before his arrival in this country, on July 1, 1969, Valdez had the distinction of being welterweight king of Colombia, and winning two verdicts over Eugenio Espinosa, the veteran who had beaten Laguna.

Valdez decisioned Julio Novella, junior welter champ of Peru, bounced Humberto Trottman, defeated Elias Hidalgo and Rafael Luna.

"The 23-year-old Valdez has proven himself," Clancy added. "His record is 27 victories, two losses and a draw—with 15 knockouts. Valdez is heading straight for a shot at the welterweight title. Should he outgrow that division we'll aim for the middleweight championship."

The third born of 8 brothers and one sister—whose father is a sea captain—Rodrigo had scant education. "I did more fight-

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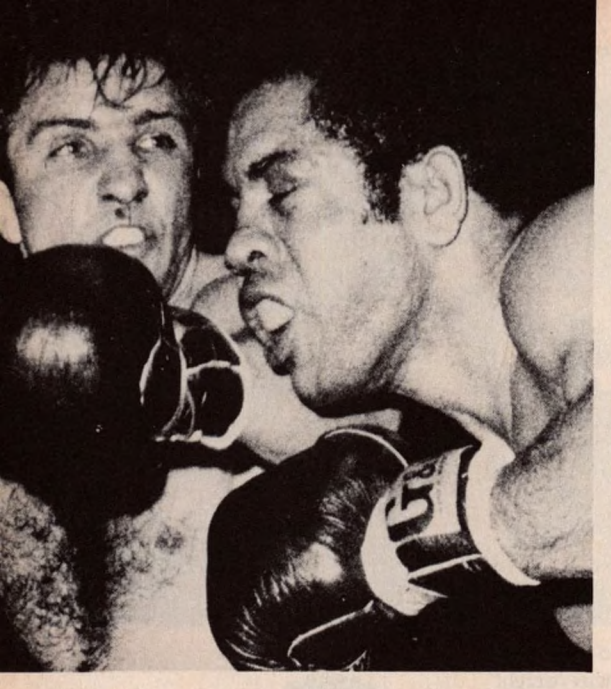
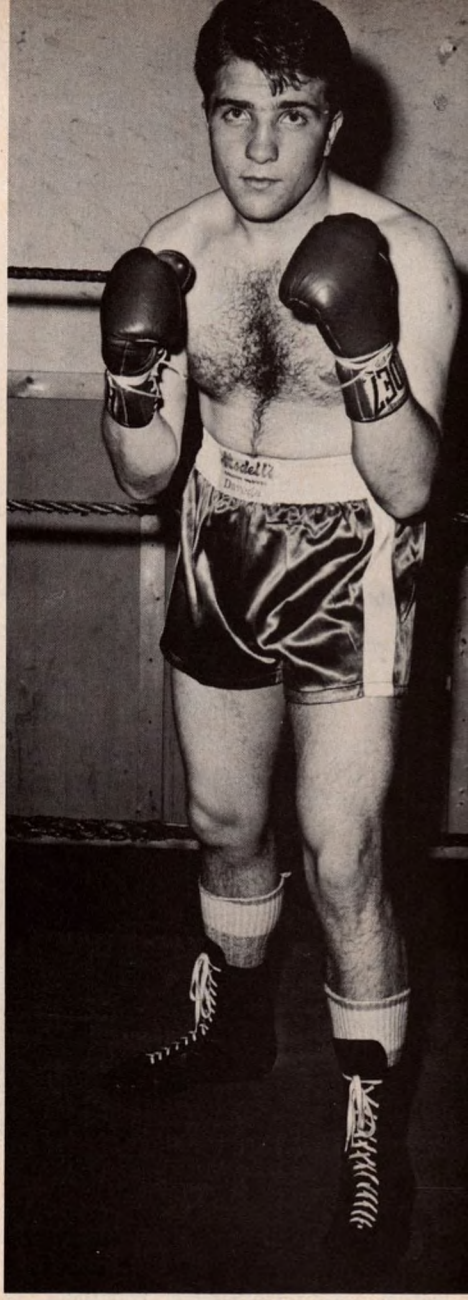
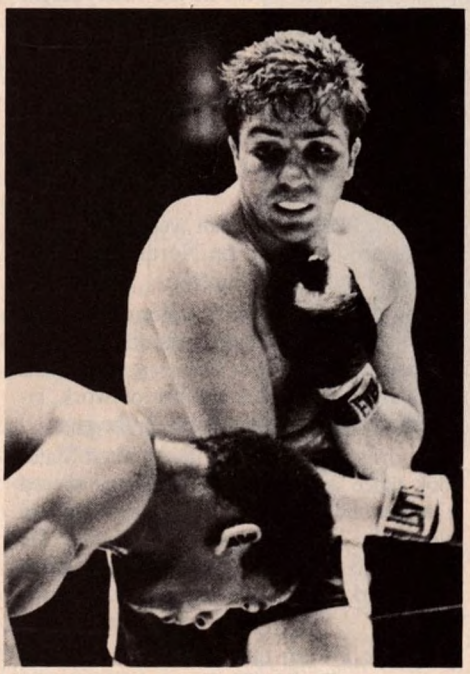


(Left) Donato Paduano, on the left, lands a hard left hook to the jaw of Juan Ramos in the seventh round of their New York bout. Paduano won an eight-round nod. (Right) Here is the Italian-born Canadian welterweight in his fighting pose. (Below) Paduano lands a chopping right to the head of Dorman Crawford who lost to Donato in six rounds in New York via the decision route.



PADUANO: ANGEL WHO BOXES LIKE THE DEVIL

By FRANK ALLNUTT



MONTREAL, Can.—This old Quebec city has bestirred itself to do some bragging about a boxer. He is Donato Paduano, who is one of the most beautiful classic stylists in the business.

It may be that Donato will become the cleverest scrapper in the world. No foolin'. If he could punch with the skill he shows as a boxer he would have to be rated a sure thing for the world welterweight title. Could be he will have to be considered for it, anyway.

In 1956 Gennaro Paduano emigrated from Italy to Canada. On arrival he started working on construction in the Montreal area. The work was hard, the hours long. Each month he sent money to his wife back home. Finally in 1960 he was able to write and tell them all was arranged for the family to join him, visas and passage on the Greek liner Olympia. Mama Giovannina, three boys, Rocchino, Dominic and Donato, and sister Maria arrived soon after and the family was together again.

Donato was born November 28, 1948, in Campobasso, South Central Italy. The only trips he made in his childhood were visits to Ripabotoni, the nearest town to his village. After arriving in Canada he attended school until he was fourteen, then left to work as an elevator boy.

Dominic, his older brother, did some amateur boxing with an Italian boxing club in East End, Montreal. After several visits to the gym, Donato became interested. In his first novice tournament he lost in the semi-final. At fifteen he weighed 125 pounds, two years later he scaled 160. He just could not resist that menu of Mama Giovannina.

In 1964 Donato met Roger Larivee, a much respected man in Montreal boxing circles who runs the Olympic Boxing Club on St. Lawrence Boulevard. Roger took a liking to the well mannered boy. The feeling was mutual. The two teamed up. Five years later they are still together. They have no signed contract.

After a year of boxing on local amateur cards, Donato began to look like a prospect. Paduano won the Montreal and Quebec Gloves titles in 1966. He took the Dominion title in Calgary and was chosen for the Canadian team in the B.E.G. in Jamaica. He lost in the finals.

The following year he won Golden Gloves titles in Quebec and Edmonton. In defending his title in Vancouver, Donato greatly impressed the referee, the late Rocky Marciano. At Winnipeg in the Pan American Games he landed a third place.

Larivee and Abe Pervin, who looks after the conditioning of boxers at the Olympic Club, did their work well. In place of the chubby novice they had first met, Paduano was becoming a smooth, fast combination boxer-fighter. In March, 1968, Donato boxed six times to win the 160-pound title in the New York Golden

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The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH—Boxing history was made in Sacramento, Calif., recently on the undercard of the Enrique Jana-Lalo Moreno show. Lightweight local boxer Bobby Nunez had three cuts around his left eye after the fourth round of a preliminary six. Dr. Asa Springer became the first doctor to stitch an eye during a professional bout. The doctor put two sutures in a cut over Bobby's left eye, as extra time was granted him between rounds. Nunez went on to win the decision over Eddie Devaughn.

After the bout, Dr. Springer inspected the eye and announced that he could not find the silk thread. He stated: "It was either ripped out or slipped out. I used 5-0 silk, maybe it should have been heavier." Bobby's eyes held up the last two rounds without reopening badly. This action was taken under a plan by Dr. Dan Kilroy that was accepted by the State Athletic Commission several months ago. Everyone seemed happy with the results, especially Nunez.

Bantamweight contender Rudy Alarcon, of the Philippines, retired as a boxer to begin a new career as a husband, reports his manager Chico Warren . . . One of boxing's most popular men, Murray Goodman, is in the running for the post of New Jersey Boxing Commissioner. Murray was recently named winner of the Walker Award by the New York Boxing Writers Association for long and meritorious service to the game . . . Another entry in the race for N.J. Commissioner is ex-heavyweight contender Two-Ton Tony Galento. Tony is also helping middleweight Freddie Martinovick, a transplanted Hungarian, on a comeback. Heavyweight of the past Roy Harris is now county clerk of Montgomery County, deep in the heart of Texas . . . Ex-Olympic boxing coach Pappy Gault was honored in Washington, D.C. at a formal affair in the Hilton. The bash was a charity affair for an old peoples' home in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Sports celebrities from all over the country were there to help make the night a smashing success, both financially and artistically . . . Ex-light heavyweight king Archie Moore was honored by the Urban League in San Diego for his fight against juvenile delinquency . . . Former Spanish light heavyweight champion Enrique Mogrovejo Vazquez died at his home in Miranda de Ebro, Spain. He was 75 . . . Rumor has it that Floyd Patterson is interested in buying an inn in Stockholm for his retirement some time in the next decade . . . Jersey City welterweight Marcel Bizien is recovering nicely from a stab wound in the stomach. Marcel was attacked in Jersey City by an unknown assailant while walking home . . . The British Boxing Board would not give permission to heavyweight Brian London to box in Europe. They stated that Brian's next bout must be in England so that they can have a close look at him and satisfy themselves that he's O.K. . . . Former Texas featherweight Paul Jorgensen has himself a Lone Star beer distributorship in Port Arthur . . . California middleweight Andy Heilman has been out of action recently due to a broken toe he suffered on his longshoreman's job at San Pedro . . . Philadelphia lightweight Woody Marcus is a policeman when not donning his boxing gloves . . . The administrator of the estate of the late Rocky Marciano has filed a ten-million-dollar suit against the owners and pilot of the plane in which Marciano was killed . . . Ex-heavy Jack Marshall, Dallas, Texas, is now with a freight company in his hometown . . . European welterweight king Johann Orsolics was hitched just recently. His trainer-manager, Karl Marchart, suffered a severe heart attack and will be confined to a hospital for at least six weeks . . . Word is out that England's Henry Cooper is over his knee problems and is campaigning for a heavyweight title shot . . . Heavyweight Boone Kirkman's manager, veteran Jack Hurley, turned down all offers for his tiger and will retain his position with the Seattle pugilist . . . Ingemar Johansson, former heavyweight king, was convicted of drunken driving and assault in Gothenburg, Sweden. Johansson admitted he kicked a man during a quarrel outside a nightclub, but denied knocking him down. Ingo also denied the drunk charge. Police testified the ex-champ failed a chemical test for intoxication when he was arrested . . . Texas featherweight of the Forties, Jesse Ramos, is a Houston cement finisher . . . Arizona's 1969 Fighter of the Year Award went to Phoenix junior lightweight Alton Colter. Best prospect award went to welterweight David Oropeza, Phoenix . . . The Las Vegas Hall of Fame named Portland, Oregon's Denny Moyer its fighter of the year. Middleweight Freddie Little was given the Pepper David-Tony Reese Award. This is given to the Las Vegan who has done the most for boxing in worldwide circles . . . Another 1969 Fighter of the Year Award was given to Mexico's Ruben Olivares by the World Boxing Council. Ruben currently holds the world bantamweight crown . . . Australia named featherweight king Johnny Famechon as its boxer of the year in '69 . . . Raymond Serrano, ex-Texas welterweight king of the Forties, is now an upholsterer . . . Syracuse middleweight of the past, Nicholas DeYulio, known as "Kid Carter," and his missus celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary . . . Former bantamweight champ Lionel Rose, Australia, is doing well after a stomach operation. He also announced he has relinquished his Empire bantamweight crown . . . San Francisco's Chuck Burkhardt, a good boxer in the Thirties, is now teaching youngsters the art of self-defense in a local gym. He is assisting Joe Lynch with a boys' boxing school . . . Raton Macias, Mexico, former WBA bantamweight champion, is now a well-to-do *(Continued on page 62)*

Ex-heavyweight king Ingemar Johansson, shown here with actress Joi Lansing, on a sojourn to Hollywood a few semesters ago, recently got into a bit of a scrape in Gothenburg, Sweden, being convicted of drunken driving and assault.

Bogs Wins In Boxing's Swan Song At Gothenburg

By ROGER SODERBERG

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—Boxing, both amateur and professional, left Sweden on January 1. There is keen regret among thousands of ring enthusiasts, who must be satisfied with memories of the past and hopes for the future. That boxing will return is regarded as a certainty.

Boxing sang its swan song at Gothenburg, where promoters Bertil Knutsson and Ingemar Johansson put on a fight in which European middleweight champion Tom Bogs, of Denmark, knocked out Karl Heinz Brunnhold in three rounds.

Karl was decked thrice before he left the festivities. It was Bogs' 52nd straight victory.

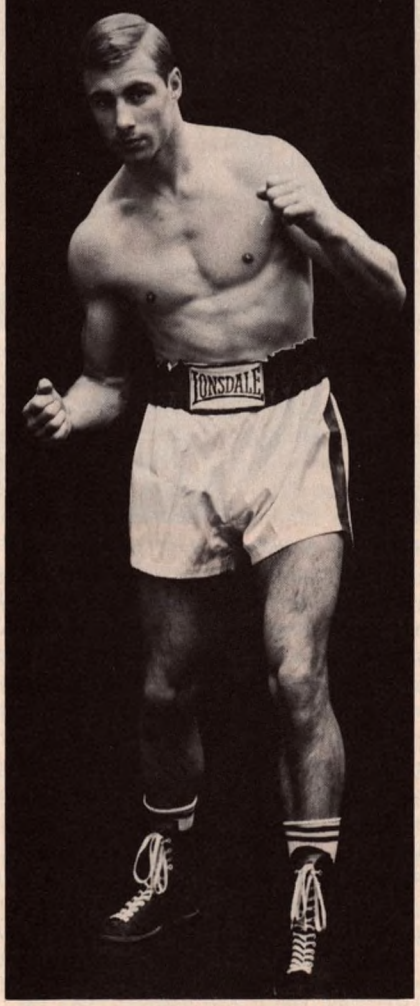
The supporting card featured Fernando Atzori, European flyweight king. He outpointed Ulf Danielsson in an eight-rounder. Ulf was decked in the seventh round.

Though a unanimous loser, Ulf is to be watched as he has had only eight pro fights.

Bo Petterson, who lost to Werner Mundt in 1966, announced that he would get revenge. But he blew this one, too. Ill-conditioned Bo hit the canvas on the way to defeat.

Harri Piitulainen, now 18-1-1, got a surprise when former Italian lightweight champion Bruno Melissamo held him to an eight-round draw.

'TWAS A COLD NIGHT IN SWEDEN



European middleweight champion Tom Bogs of Denmark, who knocked out Karl Heinz Brunnhold in three rounds at Gothenburg in the main event of the final boxing card held in Sweden.

FERNANDO ATZORI

And so it went as boxing in Sweden said fairwell. This is not the first time that the sport has been banned in this country.

From 1922 to 1932 it was barred "on paper." In 1932 the authorities began to enforce the ban strictly. It was lifted in 1946. Swedish boxing rose to world championship heights with Ingemar Johansson's KO victory over Floyd Patterson in New York on June 26, 1959, in three rounds. A year later Patterson recovered the title in five rounds.

The last heavyweight fight of note in Sweden resulted in a disputed decision for Jimmy Ellis over Patterson in 15 rounds here on September 14, 1968.

Insofar as the banishment of amateur boxing from Sweden is concerned, the cold fact is that this nation never has won an Olympic championship. Finland, Norway and Denmark have achieved such titles.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

YOUR correspondent is incessantly amazed at the appearance of Philadelphia Tommy Loughran, one time light heavyweight king, now a resident of the New York Athletic Club. It's remarkable the way the handsome 67-year-old Irishman carries himself. His long career in boxing, from 1919 to 1937, with a total of 172 fights, left no marks on him.

Loughran was one of the honored guests at the Cartoonists' dinner at the Hotel Commodore. He's a fluent talker and makes sense.

The man who worked with Jack Dempsey at Atlantic City when he was training for his first get-together with Gene Tunney in Philadelphia, still looks fit enough to step inside the ropes and spar a few rounds.

Tommy holds one enviable record. Among those whom he met while boxing were 23 opponents who were champions, from heavyweights down to middleweight Mickey Walker and welter Pete Latzo.

From Dempsey's era down, Tommy engaged heavyweight kings Gene Tunney, Max Baer, Jimmy Braddock, Primo Carnera and Jack Sharkey. Among the 175-pounders, Mike McTigue from whom he won the crown, Georges Carpentier, Jimmy Slattery and Harry Greb. The balance was made up of middleweights and welters.

He had two scraps with Jack Sharkey who stopped him in three rounds in Yankee Stadium before the Gob acquired the heavyweight crown, and outpointed Jack in a 15-round fight in Philadelphia after Jack lost his title to Primo Carnera in the Garden's Long Island City Bowl.

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Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 recently re-elected Punch-'Em Paul as its standard bearer. Joe Ryder is the new first vice-president and Petey Hayes the second . . . Sammy Venti is the new chairman of the board, filling the vacancy left by Sammy Markowitz, who stepped down because of health. He is now "Honorary Chairman Emeritus." Joe Kane is the treasurer; Chick McCormack the financial secretary, Horace McIntyre corresponding secretary, Manuel Diezon the recording secretary and Tony Dallas is sergeant-at-arms. Legal adviser is Seymour Besunder, who is counsel to County Clerk Tony Durso.

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The days when there were two Jimmy Duffys on the fight scene were recalled when Commissioner Raymond J. Lee represented the Commission at the signing of the heavyweight title match between Joe Frazier and Jimmy Ellis. Lee hails from Lockport, N.Y., which boasted of a fine welterweight, Jimmy Duffy. He was managed by Hugh Shannon, who boxed Ted Kid Lewis and other headliners. New York's West Side also boasted of a Jimmy Duffy, a lightweight, who met all the top-notchers, including puncher Leach Cross.

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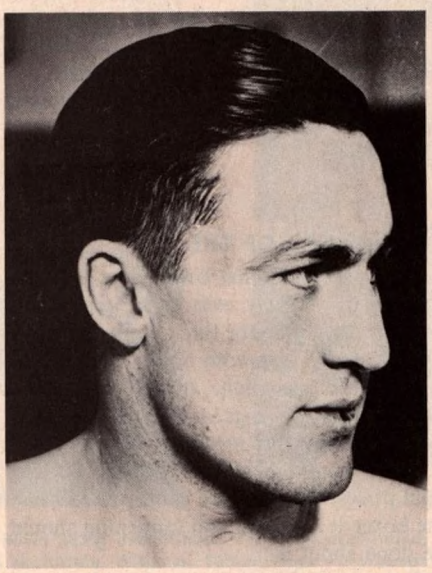
Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, one-time flyweight boss, is the new president of Ring #8,



TOMMY LOUGHRAN

New York. The other elected officers are Allie Zack, first vice-president; second vice-president Tony Manna; treasurer, Sammy (Young McGowan) Goldberg, former president; financial secretary, Leo Tartakow; recording secretary, Georgie Rugg, and on the board of directors, Solly Seeman, former junior lightweight champion of California.

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Ran into Paddy Flood, former welter, who boxed from 1952 to 1954 and is now a manager. Among his boxers are Bobby O'Brien, the middleweight from Bayside, L.I. Paddy's brother Jimmy, who was a popular middleweight, 1948-1953, is in Las Vegas with the Sands Hotel.

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That was quite a get-together at the 16th annual dinner of Ring #8, N.Y. Outgoing president Irv Silverman did quite a job handling most of the details. The honorees were Ray Kozak, Mickey Katz, Larry Ritchie, Phil Rutha and George Cohen.

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A regular at Madison Square Garden fights is Jackie Connelly, lightweight who from 1941 to 1946 had 43 fights. He was managed by Jimmy Johnston and Freddie Brown was his trainer. Now 47, Jackie is a longshoreman.

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Lots of us in boxing are acquainted with Les Matthews, of the Amsterdam News, a fine sports reporter, but few remember him as a boxer. Matthews was a good lightweight. He had many scraps in Holyoke, Mass., where he was a big favorite. His manager was Moe Fleischer, now in Miami associated with the Dundees.

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There was a double birthday party in Jack Dempsey's. They were celebrating the birthdays of Solly Seeman's wife, Rose, and Mae Levy, K.O. Phil Kaplan's sister. Sam (Young McGowan) Goldberg and his wife Rose had to ask for a raincheck, as she had suffered a broken ankle.

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Looking as chipper as ever is Harold Valan, lightweight boxer from 1934 to 1946 and with the Navy during World War 2. He's now a top referee and is seen daily on the Broadway beat, in the Garden and at Jack Singer's Flame Steak Place on West 42nd St. One of Valan's managers was Katie Jenkins, former wife of lightweightweight king Lew. Valan is in the coat and apron supply business, among other interests.

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Artie Curley, son of the late Jack Curley, long associated with Lou Stillman's 8th Avenue Gym, is active with the New York Park Department, and manages fighters. His chief hope is Davey Vasquez, bantamweight from the Bronx, former member of the 1968 Olympic team and three-time Golden Gloves champion. Associated with Curley is Frank Ippolito, former Bronx lightweight.

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Duke Stefano, of the Madison Square Garden boxing department, holds the distinction of having served Uncle Sam in both the Navy and the Army.

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PUNCH LINES

WHAT HAS BECOME OF SMALLER ONES?

Recently Jersey Jones deplored the vanishing American flyweights and bantamweights. He could have moved a division higher and included featherweights. Aside from the promotions of George Parnassus and Aileen Eaton you seldom hear of important featherweight bouts being held in the United States.

When the late Jim Norris was active with his two TV shows a week, out of New York and Chicago, the 126-pounders were regular features. I cannot recall feathers flying in either Madison Square Garden or the Chicago Stadium since Hogan Bassey, then world champion, whipped Carmelo Costa in New York in 1958. What has happened to the vision and enterprise of our major promoters when former popular divisions are permitted to fade away from the big time scene?

Sam Goldsmith
Brooklyn, N.Y.

HE THINKS IT IS COMIC

We hear and read so much about the underpriviliged Black Man. Nobody gives a damn about the underprivileged white man.

Like for example there was a Frazier-Ellis fight in New York.

The promoter says he had offered Joe and Jimmy half of half a million apiece.

But the under-privileged fighters sit around and eat the fat of the land, have a good time, and ignore the offers, which are bigger than I will be able to make in my lifetime of hard work and financial scrounging.

There are many comic angles to this, and I wonder why your able writers on the Ring have ignored them great chances to be read funny. And real sad, too.

Imagine. Each fighter offered $250,000 for something which may last two minutes. Yet they kick it around as if the bid were $100.

The attitude of the fighters, which they say has to do with the income tax, tells you why boxing is in trouble.

A few years ago Frazier was glad to work for $75 a week in a Philadelphia slaughter house. Now he kicks $250,000 around with disdain.

It would have served them right if Ellis had fought Henry Cooper and got knocked out in a couple of rounds, leaving the Garden holding the bag like something fierce.

Jack McGarry
New York, N.Y.

WHERE MARCIANO BELONGS

I never met Rocky Marciano. I heard he was a fine friend, a splendid man and I knew him for a remarkable puncher.

However, the greatest heavyweight he was not. Rocco was not a boxer. He learned a lot under Charley Goldman, but he was a slugger, without finesse.

When a man dies a lot of guys go overboard on him out of sentiment.

Some of the stuff I read, by writers who never saw Marciano, Louis, Dempsey, Tunney, Charles and Sharkey, got me sore.

Marciano was the No. 10 heavyweight, just where Nat Fleischer, level headed critic, put him.

Your special issue on Marciano was one of the best The Ring ever has turned out. Fleischer's two stories were great, literary masterpieces as well as factual corkers.

I was sorry that Marciano, a splendid fighter, husband, son and friend, went.

But don't let anybody tell me he was better than Dempsey and Louis.

Terence Gallagher
Atlanta, Ga.

BOXER'S SIDE OF THE CASE

I am a professional boxer. Not a champion and not likely ever to be one. But I have been fighting for three years and show 14 won and 5 lost, with one draw.

I do not moonlight at anything. I live off my ring earnings and have bought a home, with a good mortgage on it.

I am interested in your letters attacking fight prices. The fans are getting to feel that the boxer is overpaid and something should be done about it.

I am a machinist. I am white. I can go back to Pittsburgh and make $170 and better a week. I would have no trouble reinstating myself with the union.

Lower the prices and I quit the ring. Lower the prices and a lot of us quit. We fight for the better pay. Kill that off and we quit.

Those who write you about the high prices of fight tickets don't know what they are complaining about.

There are big hazards in the ring. Two years ago I had an infection which threatened to kill off my right eye. I have doctors' bills twice those of an industrial worker. I have weeks when I don't have a fight and have to live off savings.

I suggest you talk with fighters. Get their slants. Find out what it costs to live, with two kids and a wife who wants to be pretty well dressed. Give us men of the ring a break.

"Charley Smith"
Houston, Texas

THE QUESTION OF PRICE

The Frazier-Ellis fight which I expected to be a bad one because of Jimmy's style was held in the Garden here.

It was $100 tops. The rich went around town parading their tickets weeks ahead.

The poor read about it. There was no home TV.

The middle class was allowed to come in at the price of a Broadway theatre hit.

I belong in the category of the schnooks. I would be depriving my family if I paid ten. I never have seen a big fight and I was eager to see this one. But I was left out.

I have been a boxing fan for the last 20 years, ever since I was 12. Boxing needs me and the likes of me.

But with each fighter getting a quarter of a million dollars out of the gate alone, where does that leave me? And the other schnooks?

The fighters get far too much. The ticket prices are far too high.

Give this some thought, Mr. Markson.

Henry Davidoff
Brooklyn, N.Y.

HE RESENTS A LOUIS BOOSTER

I resent Spencer Ward's picking Joe Louis over Jack Dempsey in your Oct. issue. First of all, Joe Louis never packed the punch of Dempsey. Jack was the first champion ever to lose his crown by a decision. Many men Louis fought knocked him on his pants, but on the other hand Dempsey was rarely decked. When he was an old man, he beat Jack Sharkey, a young tough heavyweight. He put Tunney, a skilled boxer, down and really out.

How in Heaven's name could Louis have taken Dempsey when Max Schmeling rocked Louis repeatedly, and stopped him in 12 rounds.

Dennis Connell,
Union, N.J.

RAP AT N.Y. COMISH

Enclosed is a clipping covering bouts recently held in Buffalo. There were only 512 fans in attendance. After that card, the promoter will be lucky to get 200 people next time.

The blame must go to the N.Y. State Commission, which allows the promoter to bring in *any* last minute substitute, no matter how inexperienced, to fight experienced local boys.

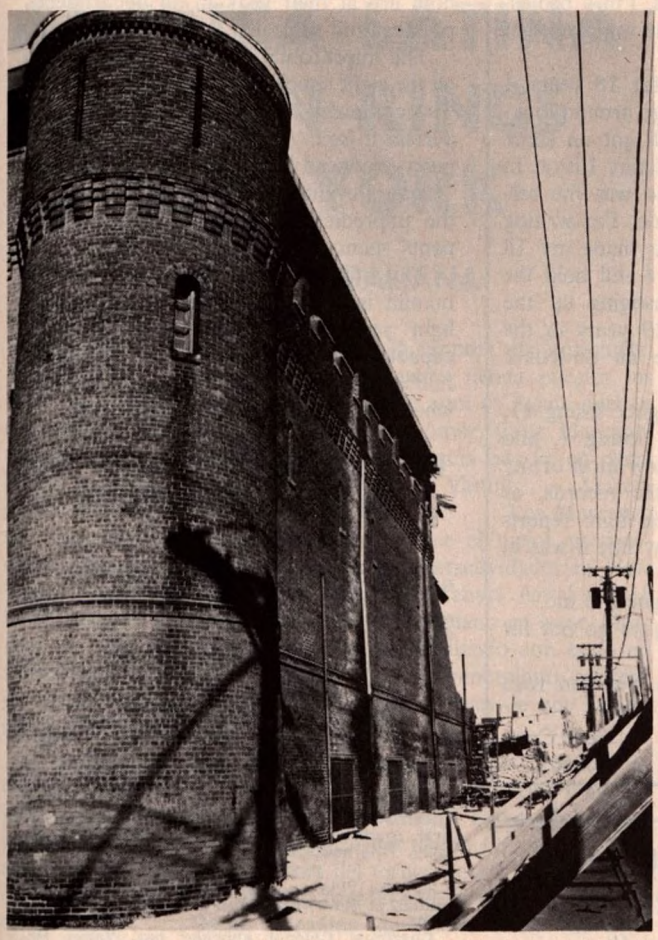
For example Vic Brown, who has had about 35 pro fights, was matched up with some guy named Marshall Warren from Boston about whom no one ever heard, including the State Commission.

They were not even in the same weight class. Brown weighed 198 and the "Set-up" weighed 176!

Jim Brown
Buffalo, N.Y.

Jersey Jones Recalls:

The Glory That Was Newark



The Sussex Avenue Armory in Newark, N.J. is shown being demolished. The ancient drillshed, built in 1899, housed many memorable boxing bouts, among them Tendler vs. Welling, Leonard vs. Ritchie, Wills vs. Fulton, Firpo vs. Weinert and Gavilan vs. Martinez. The final ring contest staged there was Marshall vs. Soto in May, 1968. So, it's farewell to an old boxing landmark. (Photos by Ray W. Jones)

THE years move on, and with their moving, old habits and traditions drift into the mists of the past.

In recent years some of the most noted fight arenas in the nation have succumbed to the inexorable march of what is popularly called Progress.

Mechanics Building in Boston was only one of the many.

New York City has been particularly hard hit. Time was, and not so long ago, that within a radius of 25 miles of Times Square, an average of a dozen fight cards were offered weekly. Within the geographical confines of what Mayor Lindsay likes to call "Fun City," such once-active punch parlors as the Broadway Arena, the Ridgewood Grove and the St. Nicholas Arena have faded from the current scene. Across the Hudson River, Jersey City, Bayonne, Newark, Elizabeth and Paterson are among the major communities whose fight arenas have vanished with the passing years.

The only sock exchanges in the metropolitan area now are Madison Square Garden, its junior arena, Felt Forum, and the converted movie house, the Embassy Theatre, in North Bergen, N.J.

Now the Sussex Avenue Armory in Newark, a landmark for 70 years, and the scene of scores of historic ring battles, has been demolished.

This commentator has retained vivid memories of some of the great fights staged within the walls of the big Newark drillshed.

With professional boxing tabooed in New York during World War I, and legalized in New Jersey in 1918 with the passing of the Hurley law, Jersey City and Newark became the sites of important ring battles, many of them involving world championships. (The first million-dollar gate in boxing history was the Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier extravaganza promoted by Tex Rickard at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City.)

Across the meadows in Newark, a quartet of local sportsmen —Dave Mackey, J. Frank Black, Nick Kline and Harry Blaufuss —organized to promote in the Sussex Avenue Armory.

Their first card, as we recall, headlined two of the world's outstanding lightweights, Lew Tendler and Joe Welling. Bouts in New Jersey were limited to eight no-decision rounds. Lefty Lew was the popular winner. The date was Fbruary 25, 1919.

Two months later, on April 21, world lightweight champion Benny Leonard was pitted against a former champion, Willie Ritchie. Ritchie made a gallant *(Continued on page 62)*

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Sgt. Coon, Alaska Champ Vietnam Vet, Quits Ring

SAIGON, VIETNAM — My name is S/Sgt. Gene Coon, and I'm in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Vietnam for my second time. I'm a professional boxer and hold the middleweight title of Alaska.

Being in the service for 18 years, I didn't get much time to go around looking for bouts. But I still got on some good cards. One with Sonny Liston in Alaska, Rocky Marciano was the referee when I won my title. I'm writing to say thanks to all who made my 18 years of boxing happy. I still hold the Alaska title, but I'm hanging up the gloves. I'll have been 20 years in the service soon, so I'll be an on-looker from now on.

I had 217 amateur fights, losing 11, and had 51 pro fights, losing 7, and KOing 27 of them. I know most of my fights never got into the records, as Alaska started sending in fight reports in 1964. When I won my title it was in The Ring.

Boxing has been real good to me.

I hope more young guys go out for the sport.

Lots of guys here in Vietnam read The Ring.

Gene Coon

MEDRANO RALLIES FOR ● DECISION OVER BRASIER ●

By Jim Carroll

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Junior welterweight Richard "Rocky" Medrano Austin, Texas, scored a unanimous decision over Oklahoma middleweight Larry Brasier in a hard fought 10-rounder.

There were no knockdowns. Medrano rallied in the last two rounds for his 38th win.

In supporting 10-rounder, Abilene, heavyweight Dub "Golden Greek" Manis registered a four-round kayo over Oklahoma City's Sammy Ray, Quapah.

Oklahoma middleweight Clarence McMinn pounded out a unanimous decision over Texas veteran Joe Louis Hargrove, Austin.

In four-round bouts Oklahoma City heavyweight Kenny Hayden, an earlier victim of Manis, registered a two-round knockout over Texan Joe Lee and Earl Emhoolah, 195, Oklahoma City, stopped veteran Ralph Friend, Morrison, Oklahoma, in three.

Manis returned to headline promoter Pat O'Grady's 1970 opener and spotted Minnesota's Lee Estes 25 pounds. Manis decked Estes three times, the last for the 10-count in round eight. The win gave Manis his third knockout in four local appearances.

Brasier, who fights out of Muskogee, got back on the winners' track after his loss to Medrano when he stopped Beaumont's Al Moten in round nine.

Former Golden Gloves and All-Marine champ Al "Sugar" Lane, Wichita, made his four-round professional debut successful, edging a more experienced Ernie Esterbrook, Oklahoma City. Earl Emhoolah registered his sixth kayo in seven starts, stopping James Black, Texas, in round three.

MARCIANO'S 13-ROUND KO OF CLAY A BELIEVABLE FANTASY

(Continued from page 17)

defensively and offensively, with durability, stamina and courage all considered.

The machine theoretically places both fighters in the ring on the best nights of their careers.

How often do two athletes meet when both are at their peak in all departments, physical and mental?

The improbability of a machine making all the right conclusions is virtually assured. The computer can do a creditable job but perfect it isn't. Ask anyone receiving computer-produced bills from large companies.

Sports events are often won and lost on the unpredictable element of the participants' mental condition at the time.

This may be a machine age and the human is not perfect, but we are several light years away from computers being capable of running our lives, or being infallible in predicting what will happen when we humans decide to mix it up.

DO YOU RECALL SOME OF THE 50 BIGGEST SURPRISES?

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Terry McGovern in two rounds at Hartford, Conn. November 28, 1911. Title acquisition.

Sandy Saddler knocked out Willie Pep in eight rounds at New York. September 7, 1950. Title acquisition.

Johnny Kilbane defeated Abe Attell in 20 rounds, decision, at Vernon, Cal. February 22, 1912. Title acquisition.

BANTAMWEIGHT CLASS

Kid Williams knocked out Johnny Coulon in 3 rounds at Vernon, Cal. June 9, 1914. Title acquisition.

Lionel Rose defeated Fighting Harada in 15 rounds, decision, at Tokyo. February 26, 1968. Title acquisition.

Terry McGovern knocked out Pedlar Palmer in first round at Tuckahoe, N.Y. September 12, 1899. Title acquisition.

FLYWEIGHT CLASS

Pancho Villa knocked out Jimmy Wilde in 7 rounds at New York. June 18, 1923. Title acquisition.

Chartchai Chionoi knocked out Walter McGowan in 9 rounds at Bangkok, Thailand. December 30, 1966. Title acquisition.

COOPER OVER MASON AS BOXING PERVADES ● MARYLAND ●

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

Baltimore, Md.—Boxing is spreading through Maryland. For the first time Leonardtown witnessed a pro show. Eli Hanover presented 36 round.

Teddy Cooper, 150, Piney Point, Md., won a split eight-round decision over Vernon Mason, 150, Baltimore. There was very little to choose between them.

Roland Pryor, 152¼, Piney Point, whipped Dave Dittmar, 157, Philadelphia, unanimous decision. Pryor scored three knockdowns.

Al Bolden, 171, Piney Point, scored an eight-round TKO over Ernie Marquez, 175, New York. After being behind in the first two rounds, Marquez rallied until Bolden nailed him in the seventh for a count of nine. In the final round a booming right found its mark on Marquez' chin. It pole axed him. At the count of nine he arose, helpless. Referee Terry Morre came to his rescue.

Jose Isaac Marin, 138, New York, roughhoused his way to a six-round unanimous decision over Gregory Jones, 134, Piney Point.

Alvin Anderson, 150½, Baltimore, kept his undefeated record intact by scoring a six-round unanimous decision over Roland Marshall, 150½, Philadelphia.

THE LATIN VIEWPOINT

ESTRELLAS DEL BOXEO DE LA AMERICA LATINA INVADEN RINGS DE NEW YORK

Por PEDRO GALIANA

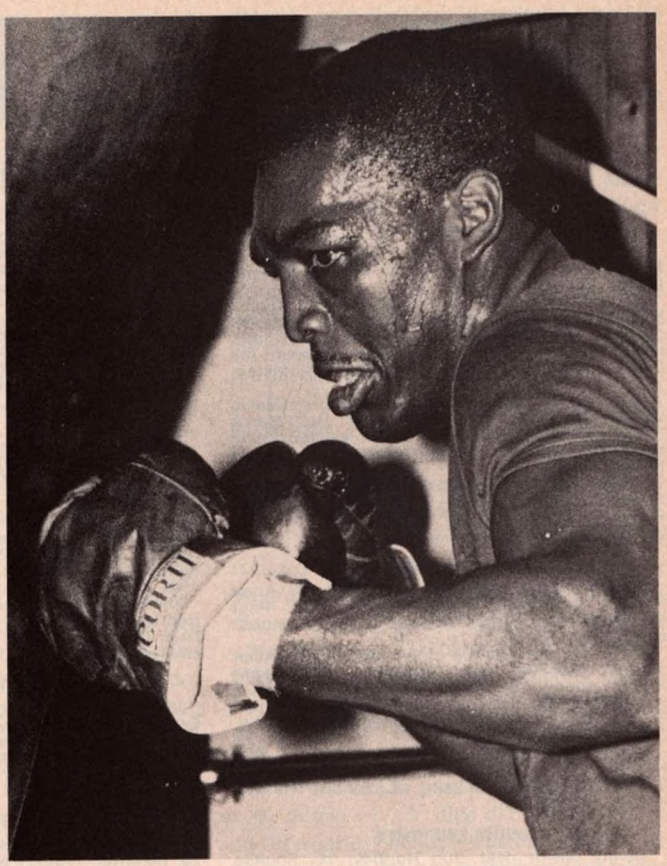
EL boxeo sigue subiendo como la espuma en Venezuela; pero, la mayor parte de sus astros tienen puestos los ojos en New York, pensando que aquí es donde pueden desarrollarse plenamente . . . Antonio Gómez, Cruz Marcano, Alfredo Marcano, Hilario Díaz y José García estarán en plena acción en New York en la temporada de Verano . . . García está en New York desde mediados de Enero . . . Los Marcanos son buenísimos los dos; pero, Cruz parece el mejor preparado . . . Ya tienen establecido su campo de actividades en New York otros dos prospectos venezolanos: Manuel Arnal y José L. Vallejos . . . Un nuevo prospecto venezolano es Isaac Martínez, de 155 libras, que se encuentran actuando con éxito en Puerto Rico . . . y José Acosta, peso ligero venezolano, recibirá un chance por la faja junior de la división antes de que lleguemos al Otoño.

El mejor boxeador amateur del torneo de los Guantes de Oro del periódico EL DIARIO-LA PRENSA de New York, el joven dominicano José Fernández, debutará como profesional para el próximo mes, bajo la tutela del Chino Govín . . . Fernández se llevó todos los trofeos del torneo de aficionados, siendo clasificado por los críticos como el mejor prospecto de esa competencia . . . Oscar González, de Puerto Rico, fué proclamado también el mejor prospecto aficionado en el torneo del diario EL TIEMPO.

Un peleador fuerte que en cualquier momento puede convertirse en campeón es René Barrientos, de Filipinas, que aparece entre los bien clasificados de la división junior ligera . . . Rubén Meléndez, que se mantiene invicto, fué clasificado el mejor novato del año entre los pugilistas hispanos en New York . . . Es el hermano más chico del Toro Meléndez . , , Lo entrena el eficiente Víctor Valle.

Rodrigo Valdés, el gran pugilista colombiano, aparecerá en el programa de Mantequilla Nápoles, en la Costa . . . Después de su triunfo sobre el Toro Meléndez, a Rodrigo Valdés le resulta difícil conseguir peleas . . . Le tienen por el latino de mejores demostraciones en los Estados Unidos . . . Tiene de 5-5, y ha ganado cuatro por knockout.

El ex-campeón ligero Carlos Ortiz celebrará dos peleas más antes de retar a Mantequilla Nápoles por la faja welter . . . Mando Ramos, que ha tenido líos con la justicia por lo que encontraron en su carro, pudiera retirarse mañana mismo del boxeo porque ha hecho más de $250,000 en sus últimos encuentros . . . Eder Jofré insiste en retornar pero, ahora quiere hacerlo como feather . . . Muchos observadores imparciales creen que al designar a Rubén Olivares como el mejor pugilista del año en México, los críticos mexicanos han olvidado las dos brillantes demostraciones de Mantequilla Nápoles frente a Curtis Cokes . . . Cokes lucía invencible en la división welter hasta que Mantequilla le bajó del pedestal, liquidándole dos veces . . . Además, liquidó a Emile Griffith. *(Continúa en la página 41)*



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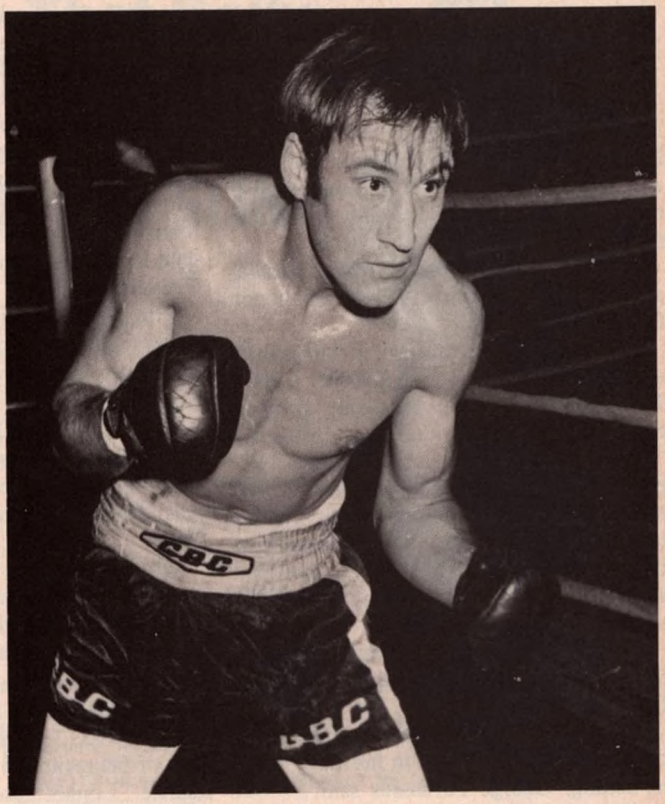

TONY ORTIZ

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending February 15, 1970

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Oscar Bonavena lost on disqualification to Miguel Paez. George Foreman kayoed Charley Polite, 4, Jack O'Halloran, 5.

Boone Kirkman stopped Mike Bruce, 2. Chuck Wepner beat Manuel Ramos, 10. Chirlie Reno decisioned Richard Gosha, 10. Dave Matthews halted Art Miller, 5. Ernie Shavers stopped Joe Byrd, 3. Tony Doyle outpointed Charlie Singleton, 10.

Joe Bugner beat Johnny Prescott, 8. Cookie Wallace stopped Leroy Caldwell, 3. Dub Manis halted Lee Estes, 8. Jesse Crown kayoed Eddie McFadden, 1. Jerry Judge drew with Jimmy Brown, 4.

Randy Neuman kayoed Angel Viera, 2. Brian O'Melia halted Manuel Santiago, 1. Marshall Parmalee stopped Junior Wilkerson, 1. Earl Emhoolah kayoed James Black, 3.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jimmy Dupree stopped Dick Hall, 4. Andy Kendall outpointed Chuck Hamilton, 10. Paul Cardoza kayoed Leslie Bordon, 8. Tony Lampron beat Danny Perez, 8.

Stan Johnson halted John Griffin, 2. Allen Thomas stopped Jose Garcia, 6. Paul Kasper kayoed Jimmy Joe Jones, 2. Jimmy McDermott halted Len Couture, 3. Yvon Duhanel stopped Tommy Foss, 2. Ron Wilson halted Rocky Martin, 7.

Dean Whitlock kayoed Ahston LaDay, 4. Ray Hernandez outpointed Willie Rivera, 6. Bruno Scholz beat Wilson Flores, 4. Johnny Hasson kayoed Charlie Hill.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Denny Meyor beat Dub Huntley, 10. Freddie Little lost disqualification to Eddie Pace, 8. Juan Carlos Duran outpointed Dub Huntley, 10.

Jimmy Lester outpointed Rocky Hernandez, 10. Mike Seyler halted Jimmy Carter, 1. Al Romano decisioned Gene Roberts, 10. George Benton kayoed David Beckles, 1. Hideo Kanazawa halted Nap Florens, 1, Orient Junior Middleweight Title.

Danny McAloon outpointed Julio Nova, 8. Larry Brasier kayoed Allen Moten, 9. Bob O'Brian beat Danny Garcia, 6. Buddy Rohr beat Chet Davis, 6.

Doug Rouse kayoed Chet Davis, 2. Johnny Coiley stopped Skip Yeaton. Clarence McMinn halted Ozell Sanders, 3.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Manny Gonzalez kayoed Roscoe Bell, 8. Donato Paduano outpointed Pat Murphy, 10. Johann Orsolics halted Klaus Klein, 9.

Larry Butler decisioned Jose Myers, 10. Richard Young kayoed Donnie Spencer, 6. Lion Furuyama stopped Fel Pedranzo, 2. Peter Cobblah halted Cyclone Barth, 5. Arnold Sparks drew with Roy Williams, 8.

Carlos Marks kayoed Tom Bethea, 6. Jose Rodriguez kayoed Al Thomas, 2. Eddie Wilson beat Larry Estabrook, 4. Radames Cabrera decisioned Angel Ortiz, 4.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Jimmy Robertson kayoed Jose Luis Cruz, 4. Enrique Jana drew with Raul Rojas, 10. Ely Yares decisioned Eddie Garcia, 10.

Eugenio Espinoza beat Wesley Hines, 10. Eddie Tomlin kayoed Victor Baerga, 5. Otha Tyson halted Carlos Soto, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Mando Ramos decisioned Leonardo Aquero, 10, non-title. Frankie Narvaez beat Roger Evans, 10.

Raul Rojas drew with Enrique Jana, 10. Shinichi Kadoda outpointed Suk Chong Ku, 10. Baby Luis decisioned David Ham, 10. Bobby Melendez won from Benny Huertas, 8. Roland Trotman beat Bill Whittenberg, 8.

Bobby Lee won from Jose Marin, 8. Ray Lampkin beat Johnny Melendez, 6. Carlos Fernandez halted Jimmy Ligon, 5. Edwin Viruet outpointed Roy Williams, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ruben Navarro kayoed Chico Andrade, 3. Alfredo Marcano beat Ricardo Arredondo, 10. Leo DiFiore halted Ronnie Butts, 2, Frankie Vega, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Johnny Famechon kayoed Fighting Harada, 13, retained World Featherweight Title.

Ricardo Arrendondo lost to Alfredo Marcano, 10. Terry Rondeau beat Bob Singleton, 8, halted Henry Wickham, 4. Manny Camay halted Max Garcia, 7.

David Sotelo decisioned Roger Pedrano, 10. Kenny Weldon stopped Nat Jackson, 4. Rick Sessons halted Hector Zuniga, 6. Sal Ramirez beat Baby Corona, 4. Jesus Gomez outpointed Eddie Rivera, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Rudy Alarcon beat Kangpetch Sornphajorn, 10. Koichi Okada decisioned Il Chong Pak, 10. David Vasquez halted Lloyd Wilson, 3.

Rudy Villagonza kayoed Frank Rodriguez, 1. Jesus Pimentel stopped Cuervo Benitez, 2. Shim Oshima decisioned Carlos Vasquez, 5.

FLYWEIGHTS

Berkrerk Chartvanchi beat Rudy Tumulak, 10. Susumu Hanagata decisioned Raton Mojica, 10. Chartchai Chionoi halted Ely Axinto, 6.

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50 GREATEST UPSETS SINCE GENTLEMAN JIM BEAT JOHN L.

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The success of the Cinderella Man, who had been forced to live on public dole, created a feeling which we cannot possibly revive from mere recollection, or seeing the result in print in the Record Book.

"It was a form-buster without parallel and to Braddock must go the top honor for the top surprise.

"Behind this form reversal, in which Baer entered the ring a 10 to 1 favorite, I place Joe Louis' one-round knockout of Max Schmeling.

"My third choice is Schmeling's 12-round knockout of Louis, who had scored ten straight KOs up to then, his victims including Carnera, Baer and Paulino. Few boxing buffs remember that Joe had stopped those three on his way to that big surprise in Yankee Stadium.

"I never will forget the three rights to the jaw with which Schmeling gave Joe his first taste of defeat."

In answer to the question as to what was the biggest surprise result in his many years in boxing, George Parnassus said:

"I would go back to the days when I was managing Ceferino Garcia. When I got Garcia, he had been knocked out five or six times and was considered washed up. He went on to win the middleweight title and have quite a career.

"This was the biggest surprise result in my many years in boxing."

The honor of leading off for the boxing litterati was given to Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of The Ring.

"I concede powerful arguments to Markson and Jim Farley but I don't give the Braddock-Baer result, which Max possibly could have switched in his favor if he had bestirred himself in the last five heats, the gold medal in the Surprise Stakes," said Fleischer.

"For my entry I bypass the many surprises boxing saw from 1892 to 1964.

"I pick Cassius Clay's forcing Sonny Liston to give up, while Patterson's two-time conqueror sat in his corner either unable to come out for the seventh round, or wanting no more of the challenger. That was at Miami Beach, Fla., on February 25, 1964.

"Liston was 7 to 1, with few takers. But he was no world beater against a rival who had only 19 pro fights, some of them with unimpressive histories."

Nat Loubet, managing editor of The Ring, voted for the Braddock victory over Baer as No. 1, with the Louis one-round KO of Schmeling in June, 1938, as second choice. Loubet also put in a plug for Schmeling's 12-round KO of Louis two years earlier, no title at stake.

George Girsch, The Ring, called the Braddock victory over Baer the most form-shattering result of 'em all.

Jersey Jones, veteran member of The Ring staff, picked Corbett's victory over Sullivan; Braddock's success against Baer; Young Corbett's two-round KO of McGovern; Chip's six-round KO of Klaus; Corbett's 21-round KO of Sullivan; Billy Papke's KO of Ketchel in 1908; Fitzsimmons' KO of Corbett in 14 rounds; Tunney's first success against Dempsey; McCoy's first round knockout of Chip; and Giardello's 15-round decision over Dick Tiger for the middleweight title in December, 1963, as his standout entries for the Surprise Stakes.

Johnny Ort, also of The Ring staff, checked in with the second meeting of Louis and Schmeling, (one-round KO defeat for Max), Johansson's KO of Patterson, and Clay's first KO of Liston.

Teddy Carroll, cartoonist and historian of The Ring, picked the Braddock-Baer fight as his No. 1.

"For my second and third choices I may be out in left field, all alone," Teddy said.

"The No. 2 surprise has to be Ace Hudkins' four-round KO of Ruby Goldstein in Brooklyn on June 25, 1926.

"The No. 3 surprise, in my book, was Freddie (Red) Cochrane's 15-round, welter title-acquiring victory over Fritzie Zivic at Newark, N.J. on July 29, 1941."

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THE LATIN VIEWPOINT

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Confirmando lo que anticipamos en THE RING, Chegui Torres, ahora columnista en un diario de New York se ha retirado definitivamente del boxeo . . . Oscar Martínez Conill no dará por ahora boxeo profesional en los clubs de New York; pero, habla de abrir el Sunnyside Garden, una vez al mes, cuando llegue el Verano , . . Cuando Mantequilla peleó con Curtis Cokes metió $194,000 dólares en las taquillas, y en su pelea con Griff logró $192,000, luego es, también, atracción de taquilla . . . Después de débil comienzo en New York, todo el mundo admite que Vicente Rondón ha encontrado ya la carrilera del triunfo . . . Los partidarios del brasilero Juárez DeLima y del colombiano Rodriguez Valdés insisten en que las demostraciones de los dos en New York les permiten clasificar como los mejores prospectos que se vieron en Manhattan en 1969 . . .

José Legra ha rechazado ya dos proposiciones del Madison Square Garden para pelear en New York . . . Los cronistas hispanos de New York dicen que Mantequilla Nápoles es el boxeador del año . . . Y si Mantequilla es el mejor del año, entonces Cuco Conde, su mentor debe ser el manager del año . . . No solo guió a Mantequilla al título y a dos brillantes defensas de la corona welter, sino que ahora tiene a su cargo la campaña de retorno de Sugar Ramos . . . Una recomendación interesante es ésta: No pierdan de vista a José García, de Venezuela . . . Pudiera ser el próximo campeón mundial de los pesos ligeros-completos . . . Otro pugilista a observar es: Ernesto Marcel, de Panamá.

René Molina, cronista deportivo cubano, se propone establecer como promotor de boxeo en San Juan, ofreciendo programas todas las semanas en combinación con Félix Zabala . . . El Chino Govín ha sido uno de los trainers más laboriosos del año . . . Sus hombres han estado peleando por todo el mundo, con especialidad en el viejo mundo . . . El mejor prospecto de la cuadra del Chino José Hernández, fué el boxeador amateur del año en New York.

El esfuerzo de levantar el boxeo en Asunción, Paraguay, recibió fuerte golpe cuando la pelea de Valentín Galeano (Kid Pascualito) contra el campeón brasilero Arlindo Borges, atrajo tan poco público que dejó con pérdidas a los promotores . . . El triunfo del Morocho Hernández sobre el peso liviano brasilero, Raimundo Díaz ha puesto nuevamente al as venezolano en el tapete . . . Se habla de un combate de revancha entre los dos, porque se cree que el Morocho, que perdía fácil por puntos, logró conectar un golpe de suerte cuando puso fuera de combate, en malas condiciones, al veloz Díaz.

Otro buen prospecto panameño es Luis Osses, hermano de Adolfo Osses, que en su buena época se enfrentó a Pasqualito Pérez . . .

TONY ORTIZ

ESTRELLA EUROPEA EN NEW YORK — La invasión de los pugilistas europeos ha comenzado con la llegada de Tony Ortiz, campeón español de los welters, que tiene victorias sobre el veterano cubano Robinson García, destacado en Europa, que constantemente aparece en los programas pugilísticos de París y Roma . . . Por su fortaleza y combatividad constante, Tony está considerado como un hombre de hierro, que se movió admirablemente bajo la dirección de Pampito . . . Pasando después a las manos de Kid Tunero y ahora bajo el control del Chino Govín . . . Tony tiene interés en enfrentarse en los Estados Unidos con los mejores de su división desde los primeros instantes, porque, como dice, "por mi forma de pelear, me conviene hacer una carrera corta; por eso, debo aprovechar mi tiempo, peleando con los mejores". . . Tony tiene dos importantes aspiraciones: ganar el campeonato de su división en Europa y arrancar con buen pie en Norte América, ganándole a los mejores . . . En realidad, el joven atleta español es junior-welter; pero, sus mentores le llevan fácilmente a la división welter, debido a que su extraordinaria acometividad le permite anotarse impresionantes victorias sobre sus rivales de mayor categoría.

Después de haberle visto en acción en diversas peleas en Europa, el Chino Govín, experimentado mentor cubano, que lleva tres años recorriendo distintas plazas en busca de valores para el "Telestar Sport Club", dice que Tony es uno de los mejores prospectos que tiene España en la actualidad . . . Es joven, rápido, tiene buenas manos y se mueve con agresividad en el ring . . . Lo suficiente para hacerle pronto un favorito del público.

Otro hispano que tiene puesta su tienda en España, el cubano José Legra, ex-campeón europeo de los pesos plumas, ha rechazado una proposición que le hicieron para pelear en Caracas, Venezuela . . . Kid Tunero, mentor de Legra, fué quien rechazó la oferta, que comprendía un programa de dos presentaciones en Caracas, con garantía de $10,000 dólares en cada una . . . La oferta la hacía Rafito Cedeño . . . Pero, según Tunero, Legra no peleará por el momento fuera de España, a no ser en una nueva pelea por el campeonato . . . Tunero quiere a Famechón o a Harada para colocarlos enfrente a su pupilo . . . Y dice que rehusa peleas en otra parte, porque en dos ocasiones que ha salido, las decisiones les han sido injustamente adversas.

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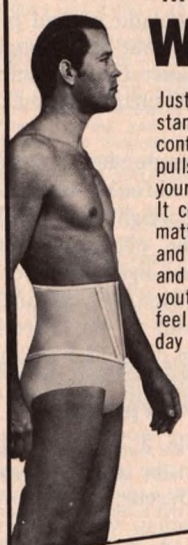

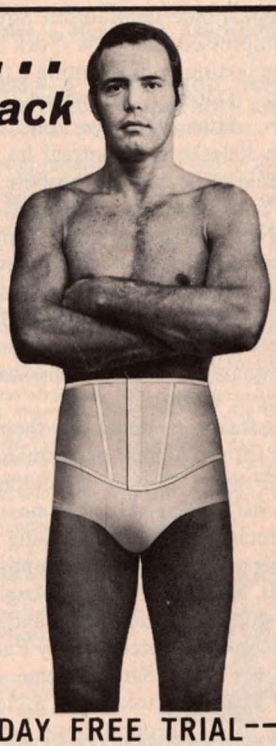

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PADUANO: ANGEL WHO BOXES LIKE THE DEVIL

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Gloves. He won the final in Madison Square Garden. He returned to Montreal to win the 156-pound title in Quebec. His spectacular performance against Colin Greene in Madison Square Garden gave him instant recognition by boxing buffs of many years' standing. They saw in Paduano ability and class and tabbed him future championship material.

Representing Canada in the Olympic Games in Mexico, Paduano lost in the second round of the tournament to M. Gulloti (Argentina).

Returning to Canada after an amateur career of 90 contests, winning 83, drawing one and losing six decisions, Donato announced he was turning professional. Two weeks after making the announcement he decisioned Serge Prioux over eight rounds.

At the Forum in Montreal the heavyweight fight which topped the card featured Bob Cleroux and Cleveland Williams. On that card the home town fans for the first time saw Paduano in action as a pro. He did not disappoint them, stopping Al Bashir in four rounds. He received a standing ovation. Donato rounded out the year with a six-round decision over Terry Hayward.

Early in 1969 Paduano, making his first pro appearance in Madison Square Garden, impressed the New York fans with his fine boxing in outpointing a tough club fighter, Dorman Crawford, over six rounds. After wins over Luc Pivin and Mikita Paleske in Montreal he was back to headline the card at the Felt Forum in New York where he decisioned Juan Ramos, New York, over eight rounds. Carlo Caruso and Danny Andrews dropped decisions to this fast-footed, smooth boxer-fighter in Montreal. This was followed by a six-round KO of Billy Lonergan at Madison Square, where Paduano was fast becoming a favorite.

Montreal fans really saw their new sensation turn in a great performance against Dick French, Boston, a veteran of nine years of fighting. He was no match for the precision counter-punching Paduano. French was punched to a standstill in five rounds. Raoul Sarrazin and Augi Simmons were stopped inside the distance, both being completely outclassed by Paduano.

At the Paul Sauve arena, Montreal, 5,000 fans were treated to a classic exhibition in a 10-round bout between Paduano and Colin Fraser, Toronto, Canadian junior welterweight champion. This was Paduano's first main event with a Canadian champion. Donato weighed in at 148 and rose to the occasion with the ease of a seasoned campaigner. For almost 10 rounds the hometown fans saw Paduano given his toughest fight.

Fraser fought his heart out and with just 28 seconds left the referee stopped the fight when the Toronto fighter, through sheer exhaustion, was unable to defend himself. Paduano had turned in his most impressive performance to date, a big leaguer.

In winning a 10-round decision on all three cards over Pablo Lopez in New York's Felt Forum, Paduano injured his right hand, not seriously, but bad enough to call off a bout against Carlos Ortiz, former world lightweight champion, making a comeback.

The damaged hand responded to treatment and Paduano signed for his 16th pro fight, a Canadian welterweight title match with Joey Durelle, the champion, the match that all Montreal fight fans were eager to see. It was just over one year since Paduano's first pro bout in the Forum on the Cleroux-Williams card. 12,147 fans clicked the turnstiles paying over $100,000. The fighters were on a percentage.

At 10 o'clock Durelle, a 2-1 underdog in the betting, arrived in the ring, followed shortly by Paduano. Durelle, an old pro of 70-odd fights, Canadian welterweight champion since 1963, a rough, tough fighter who once he had his opponent trapped in the corner would work him over good, bosted of never being off his feet in his pro career. The pattern of the fight was set in the first round: boxer versus fighter, youth against experience.

Larivee and Pervin were rewarded that night for their teaching and training, Paduano had learned the value of a sharp straight left hand, delivered with speed and precision which would snap and jolt an opponent's head. Durelle stuck to his fighting, Paduano, to his boxing.

At the halfway mark of the 12-round fight, Paduano took over control of the fight. The attacks of Durelle were met with beautiful counter punches. At times Paduano switched from the head to the body and had the champ holding on. There were no knockdowns. At the final bell both men were still punching. The fans raised the roof when the decision was given to Paduano. Durelle had spent perhaps the best fight of his career in a losing effort.

Just 10 days prior to winning the title, Paduano reached his 21st birthday. In just over 12 months of pro boxing he racked up 16 fights winning them all, including the Canadian title. He made over $25,000. His birthday present to his parents, a new home.

Donato, who on his arrival in Canada could speak only Italian, now is fluent also in French and English.

"Angel who fights like the devil" is the way Teddy Brenner, matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, describes Paduano who stands 5-5½, has wide shoulders, broad back, thick through the chest and neck. Brenner goes on to say "Ever since he fought in the Garden last January people have been talking about him. He's the type of fighter boxing buffs pick out as a future champion." Old timers in New York back Brenner up.

The dancing feet and the flashing fists of Paduano are sure to set gate records in Montreal during the coming year.

Boxing Writers Name Frazier Fighter of '69

THE annual meeting of the Boxing Writers' Association in New York resulted in the naming of Joe Frazier the Fighter of the Year for 1969. He scored over Jose Napoles, who won the welterweight title during the year and recorded four other victories.

Frazier will receive the Edward Neil Memorial Award at the annual dinner of the writers, set for April in a Catskill Mountain hotel.

The James J. Walker Award for long and meritorious service to boxing went to Murray Goodman, while the Al Buck Memorial for the outstanding manager was awarded to Yank Durham, who pilots Frazier.

Barney Nagler, Morning Telegraph, was re-elected president, with Lester Bromberg, New York Post, and Manolo Rodriguez, El Diario-Prensa, vice presidents, Marvin Kohn, secretary-treasurer, and Sam Taub, recording secretary.

FAMECHON BATTERS HARADA OUT IN ROUND 14 AT TOKYO

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proach this second fight with all the greater determination to win by a knockout, which he proceeded to do.

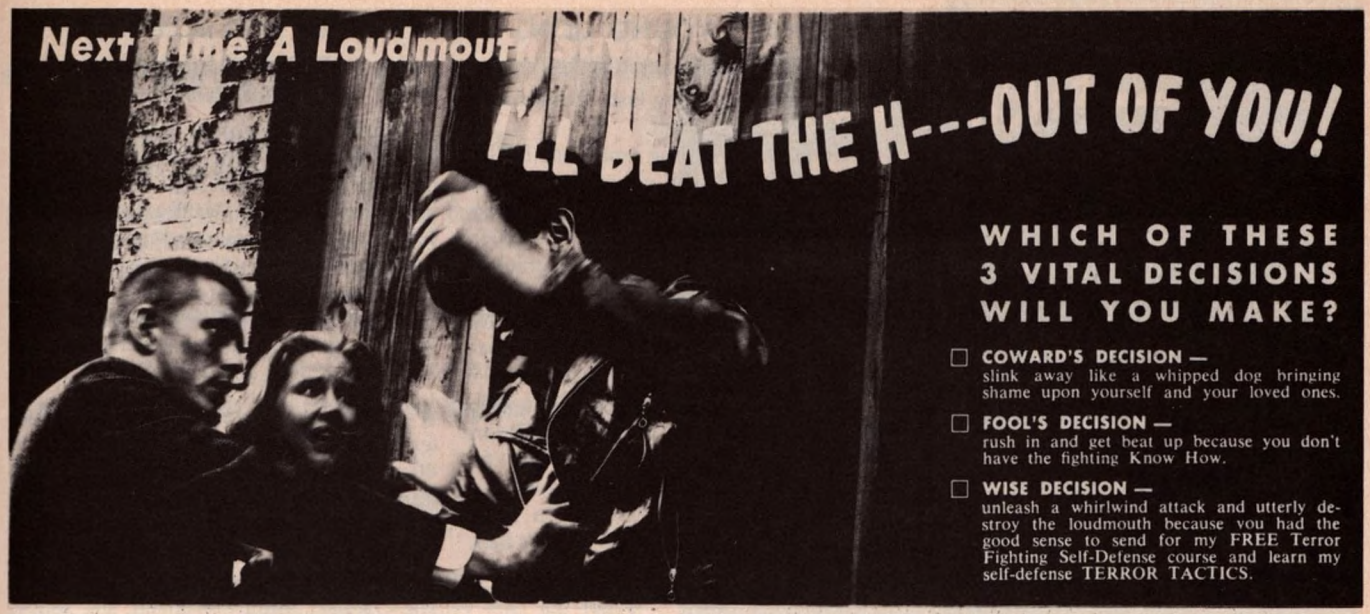
At the end of Round No. 13 this time Famechon led on the cards of both judges, 60-59 and 62-54.

Famechon came in at 124¾ while Harada weighed 126. There were 8,000 people in the Tokyo Municipal Gym and they were dumbfounded when their favorite was whipped beyond all doubt.

Harada now has a 55-7 record, while Famechon shows 55-4-6.

Justiniano Montano, Jr., head of the World Boxing Council, which has some power in the Orient, has set a tough job for Famechon in his next defense. Johnny is to tackle Vicente Saldivar, former featherweight champion, whose turning in his title for retirement made it possible for Famechon to win it.

The Famechon-Harada fight had the distinction of being the first world championship contest in 1970. It set a high standard for the year to follow.



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BOXING'S YOUNG LIONS

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sends word that, at long last, "Britain has a two-fisted heavyweight."

Spain is nurturing big ambitions in the heavyweight class with unbeaten and still unpolished Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain, who is a latter-day copy of Paulino, an earlier woodchopper Basque who was quite a puncher. Urtain is being developed very slowly, under the direction of a wealthy industrialist. This sort of thing has become quite the fashion everywhere.

Gullick, 25 years of age, weight 195, height 6 feet, has had only half a dozen fights. Knocking out Anderson in six rounds must be accepted as quite a feat.

Don Elbaum, who is involved in Ted's business affairs, explained the boxer's lack of more frequent competition with the statement that Gullick got into trouble with the cops as a teenager and only recently was released from jail.

Elbaum said:

"Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Ted won National Golden Gloves when he was only 18 years old. He has been taken over by millionaire builder Ed Mears, of Medina, Ohio . . . Mears handled Amos Johnson, and Ray Anderson at the start of his career. Sammy Greggs is trainer of Ted and I am advisor . . .

"His amateur record was remarkable. He won 44 of 45 fights, scoring 41 KOs. He turned pro late in 1969 and was a sensation in his first fight, knocking out veteran heavyweight Mack Harrison in two rounds. Ted followed with a one-round KO over Buffalo amateur star Al Hughley; then stopped Wild Bill Hardney in one round.

"Gullick followed through with a one-round KO over Lee Estes and a two-round KO over Fred Askew. Then came his fight with Ray Anderson.

"Gullick reminds me of Joe Louis. He walks in, stalking his opponent . . . never changes his expression and is one of the greatest punchers I have seen. With either hand, left hook or right hand, he can end a fight. His KOs over Hughley, Estes, Askew and Anderson, were delivered with one punch.

"Gullick never throws punches from far out. His blows travel six to eight inches. He can drop you with a left jab. He is the greatest heavyweight prospect in the ring today.

"At the end of the sixth round of his fight with Anderson (keep in mind he had never gone over two rounds) he told his trainer, 'My legs are cramped and I have cramps in my stomach. I can't move. Stand me up . . . I have to get out.' He proceeded to get out.

"Ted's next fight in Cleveland will be against Pretty Boy Felstein. He also fights Willie Tiger in Detroit."

UP AND DOWN OLD BROADWAY

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The Gramercy Gym, formerly run by Cus D'Amato on East 14th St., is now being operated by Staff Sgt. Bob Jackson, who was with the Air Force in Korea. Jackson also has some bright prospects under his wing, among them Bobo Ackerson, a lightweight, Winston Noel, a 140-pounder, and Roy Edmonds, a middleweight, all from Brooklyn.

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Pete Cusumano, who boxed as a welterweight while serving in the Army some 40 years ago and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, is operating a restaurant-bar called "500" near Madison Square Garden. Harry Markson, Teddy Brenner, Duke Stefano, Johnny Addie, Joe Garfield, Jimmy Wallach, Pat Flood, Bobby O'Brien, Joe Davis and Dick Tiger are among those seen there.

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Dapper Johnny Arcaro, no relation to Jockey Eddie, tells us about Al Certo's Celebrity Lounge in Secaucus, N.J. . . . Certo, tailor to celebs, was formerly affiliated with the Plaza Arena, in Secaucus.

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Encountered Augie Pisano, Coney Island Flash, who had 318 fights, boxed as a lightweight from 1922 to 1937. His manager was Paddy Roche and his trainer Whitey Bimstein. Among those with whom Pisano clashed were Al Singer, Benny Bass, Mike Ballerino, Eddie Cannonball Martin, Ruby Goldstein and Bruce Flowers.

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A member of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #8, in Brooklyn, is Johnny 'Skippy' Allen, a Brooklyn lad who fought them all from flyweights to welterweights, 1930 to 1945. Allen, who is 56, a boxer and puncher, was trained by the Florio brothers, Dan and Nick, and fought at Ridgewood Grove, Bronx Coliseum, Fort Hamilton, the old Garden, Hippodrome, and Coney Island Velodrome. He met the late Al Bummy Davis twice, Midget Wolgast, Joey Archibald, Lou Salica, Harry Jeffra and Petey Scalzo. Skipp is with a printing house.

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From Riverside, Calif., John V. Tunney, son of former heavyweight champion Gene, who has had five years' experience as a congressman, has tossed his hat into the ring as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

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Luis Torres, 18, last year's 135-pound Sub-Novice champion, and brother Tony, 22, a newcomer in the fistic picture, who is a lightweight, both entered the Golden Gloves. They are brothers of Jose Torres, former light heavyweight pro champion.

BOXING QUIZ

1: Which professional fighter fought the most bouts?
Ans: Abraham Hollandersky, 1,309 fights.

2: Which heavyweight set record by fighting three main events in three different arenas on one day?
Ans: Battling Levinsky, on New Year's Day, 1915.

3: Which ex-heavyweight champion holds the record for being floored?
Ans: Floyd Patterson, 17 times in title contests.

4: How many champions have received Ring Magazine gold championship belts?
Ans: 227

5: Which champion engaged in the most title fights?
Ans: Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champ—27.

6: Who scored the most consecutive knockouts in pro boxing?
Ans: The top three: Lamar Clark, 43; Billy Fox, 43; Henry Armstrong, 27.

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The GREAT DAYS of the PRIZE RING
by Walter Galli

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JACK DEMPSEY knocked out Tony Drake in the 1st round at New Haven, Conn. In his NEXT fight Jack won the Heavyweight Championship.

NEGRO ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE IN BOXING HAVE BATTERED DOWN OLD RACIAL BARRIERS

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they called the "Jungle Boy." Freedom for his killers was our society's farewell.

Many years were to pass before another Black African, Dick Tiger, was to prove by contrast the fallacy of categorizing men of similar ethnic strain. The ailings which were Siki's—eccentric behavior and over-indulgence in liquor—were, and are, as alien to Tiger as could possibly be. The Nigerian was the other extreme in the personality spectrum. The last word in formal dignity and decorum, this affable African family man in his long years of campaigning in the United States, exceeded all foreign fighters for popularity.

On the whole, U.S. boxing aficionados have taken so kindly to dark-skinned Latin American boxers that their popularity here has equaled that in their own countries. As mentioned previously, the charismatic Kid Chocolate was a major factor in regaining the ground lost by Negro boxers following the Johnson era and Kid Gavilan, now a U.S. resident, ranked near the top of the fighting favorites of his time.

Another key to the cause for the high favor in which colored champions have been held is the American obsession with meritorious achievement. The feats of such legendary fighters as Louis, Armstrong and Robinson are supplemented by Sandy Saddler's retiring as a fine featherweight champion; Joe Brown's record of defending the lightweight championship successfully more times than any one else and Emile Griffith as a welterweight twice winning the heavier middleweight championship.

The great majority of the champions served an apprenticeship as amateurs and as such The Black boxer has enjoyed equal eminence. The procession of Golden Glove, national, international and Armed Service champions has been unending, reaching a roaring crest in 1952 at the Helsinki Olympic Games when the United States won five Olympic championships; the winners, led by Floyd Patterson, all being Negroes.

American affluence and medical advances are rapidly making small statesiders a vanishing species and this lack is keenly felt both in the amateur and professional boxing ranks. Today America's boxing strength has become concentrated in the larger classes with Clay, Frazier, Ellis and light heavyweight champion Bob Foster being Uncle Sam's standard bearers.

All-time selection is a game anyone can play revolving as it does around personal opinion. The fact that he is a contemporary undoubtedly helps his case but any present-day consensus singles out Ray Robinson as the greatest Negro fighter of all time. What disagreement there is, comes from those to whom the past is present. Their dissent can not be ignored however for they do have the advantage of long experience.

Conspicuous among these are Nat Fleischer, Editor of this magazine, still loyal to Jack Johnson, as first choice and hardy veteran Charley Rose, who places Sam Langford at the top. Veteran confrere Jersey Jones joins Archie Moore in rating non-champion Charley Burley as the all-round best.

Space limitations preclude any extended exposition of the reasons for the appended selections but complete records of all those so named are accessible in the Ring Record Book and disputants are welcome to their own choices and rankings.

For many years chances to become champions did not come easy for Negro fighters with the result that many colored boxers of title qualifications remained merely contenders throughout their boxing careers. Among these were Lloyd Marshall, Chick Suggs, Baby Joe Gans, Allentown Joe Gans, Flyweight Black Bill, Jack McVey, big George Godfrey, Jimmy Bivins, Charley Burley, Tommy Bell, California Jackie Wilson, Gene Burton, Tiger Jones, Cuban Kid Tunero, Pedro Montanez, Percy Bassett, Holley Mims, Henry Brimm, Bert Lytell, Holman Williams, Cocoa Kid, Al Gainer, and Australian aborigine Ron Richards. Some of these received title chances but most of them, for one reason or another, did not.

The Black man's achievements in boxing take on added luster through such observations as that of the Belgian essayist Maurice Maeterlinck, "Boxing is the discipline of violence. It is violence civilized by conventions that are almost courteous. It is not degrading. It is a sport in which skill is required. Combative instincts are an integral part of our nature and those people who lack these instincts, lack mental energy."

Boxing's benefits to the Black man have been manifest in creating a respect for him engendered by his courage, physical prowess and discipline in the ring, by lifting him out of the anonymity imposed by social injustice; by providing a means of contact other than one of subservience between the races, and elevating the Negro as a champion of the world to a height which was, for many years, beyond his reach elsewhere.

Whatever one's feelings about pugilism, the position of boxing in any recountings of the Black man in America can not be minimized. Throughout these articles an attempt has been made to drive home the realization that for many years this sport presented the sole opportunity for the Negro to assert his manhood, long suppressed by slavery and the aftermath of racial bias. The Black man's response to this challenge is historical. Success in boxing necessitates physical courage, strength and muscular coordination; fortitude under the stress of pain; body condition and emotional control. Whatever the milieu in which they predominate, these are qualities which warrant the highest respect as the so-called masculine virtues.

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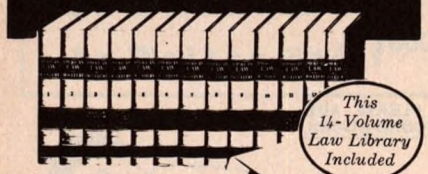

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HANAGATA DEFEATS MOJICA ● IN SIZZLING 10 AT TOKYO ●

Joe Y. Koizumi

Tokyo, Japan—1,500 spectators at Koraquen Hall witnessed two rated flyweights put on the fireworks from the start. Susumu Hanagata's speed carried him to an important victory over Raton Mojica, Nicaragua, in 10 rounds.

Hanagata, hitherto a safety-first dancer, revealed his gameness in scoring with a two-fisted attack. The Japanese took the lead in the first, fourth and seventh rounds. There were no knockdowns.

The only round that Mojica, 30, won was the third, in which his right had the 22-year-old speedster reeling to the ropes.

The official votes were: referee Tezaki, 49-45; judge Nick Pope 49-47, and judge Ugo, 49-45, all for Hanagata. They made 115 pounds.

After an eight month layoff, ex-titlist Kazuyoshi Kubokura outpointed Yukinori Aso in the first tenner. Junior welters, they hit 140.

▶ Phantom (Kiyoshi) Ogawa halted Kenshichiro Date in three rounds.

▶ Meriken Mori, 130, proved too strong for Saburo Goto, 129, and demolished him in the third round at Ohita Gymnasium.

Hayabusa Ito outscored Jiro Nishio in a junior lightweight 8.

▶ Having each other on the deck, Kuwashi Shimizu and Hyun Kim, both national champs, fought a thrill-packed draw in a see-saw tenner at Korakuen Hall.

▶ Oriental champ Koichi Okada battered Korea's Chung Park, downed him with a right cross in the tenth, and gained a lopsided duke at Korakuen Hall in 10.

▶ World junior lightweight champion Hiroshi Kobayashi was elected 'Fighter of the Year' unanimously by Tokyo Boxing Writers Club. Kobayashi, unbeaten in 1969, scored impressive title defenses against Antonio Amaya and Carlos Canete.

Other awards were given as follows:

Technique, Shozo Saijo; Fighting Spirit, Fighting (Masahiko) Harada; Valuable Victory, Masahiko Ohba; Effort, Susumu Hanagata; Rookie Citation, Cassius (Jun-ichi) Naito.

Naito, 20 and son of a U.S. negro soldier and a Japanese mother, is a middleweight speedster who has compiled the 13-0-0 record, whipping national champ Yoshiaki Eto and Orient boss Hisao Minami, unanimously.

The KO Award went to Japan's junior middle titlist Koichi Wajima, whose campaign in 1969 resulted in 6-1, with 5 knockouts.

One of the three title fights between Kuwashi Shimizu and Kenjiro Nakajima was chosen as 'Fight of the Year' without discussion. It happened on July 23.

▶ Unheralded Hideo Kanazawa, a fast six-footer, seized the Orient junior middleweight throne, as he outjabbed Ansano Yi, Korea. Hideo sent a short right to the button and finished the veteran importation in the opening session. The eliminator happened because of Muneo Mizoguchi's recent retirement.

▶ Only after a month after annexing the crown, Hideo Kanazawa scored another big win in Seoul, where he polished off Choi-Kap Seun, the heavier Orient middle leader, in three rounds of a non-title go. Choi had been dethroned by Kum-Tak Yi in 12 rounds.

Nobuo Chiba was a TKO winner over Hyun Kim, Korea's feather ruler, in 7.

▶ The Oriental Boxing Federation named Jaguar (Shin-ichi) Kakizawa of Japan 'Boxer of the Year' and honored the upset win of Masao Ohba, the OBF's 'Boxer of the Month,' who decisioned Bernabe Villacampo, Philippines, last December. The headquarters of the Far-East organization have moved to Tokyo.

▶ Abeno Gymnasium saw Tetsuo Hoshino, a sturdy welter on comeback trail, easily outscore Suehiro Yabuta in 8.

▶ A rubber battle between Shimizu and Nakajima was as hot and thrill-packed as the previous two. Kuwashi Shimizu, national junior feather ruler, recuperated from the knockdown in the first session and came back strong to ice Kenjiro Nakajima in the second round.

The crowd of 2,000 saw the see-saw slugfest. The kayo came in 1:54 of the second round, when the defending champ, after his sharp one-two had dropped the glass jaw, threw a looping right that made Ken go down flat for the count. The punchers weighed 121¾.

▶ Rugged lefty Katsuyoshi Takayama barely won from Eiji Morioka, in a 10-round brawl at Korakuen Hall. In round ten the winner's right sent Morioka prone for the compulsory eight. The veteran weighed 123; Eiji, 120¾.

▶ A double tenner took place in commemoration of the retirement of Speedy Hayase, former national flyweight titlist, who hung up gloves recently. Jaguar Kakizawa, Orient lightweight boss, floored Eugenio Espinosa, newly imported from Ecuador, with a right in the first and thereafter piled up points to gain a shutout, 50-42, in 10. Each scaled 137½.

Veteran Yoshiaki Matsumoto, 110¼, lost an upset nod to Seiichi Watanuki, 112, in 10 rounds.

▶ Decking the champion with a well-timed right, Shintaro Uchiyama became the new bantam titlist of Japan as he outmaneuvered Ushiwakamaru Harada, 117¼, in 10 close but unanimous rounds.

Southpaw Shin's tricky mobility confused Harada, cleverly mixing it up and suddenly sidestepping to avoid the stronger revenge of the champ. They dominated two rounds each. However, the first-round knockdown carried the former Shinjin-o to an important triumph. Some 1,700 fans were in attendance at Korakuen Hall.

▶ Stopped by Mando Ramos in Los Angeles, Yoshiaki Numata, 132½, returned to action here and kayoed Jun Koiwa, 131¼, in the second before 4,200 spectators at Kumamoto Gymnasium. Numata's machine-gun left annoyed Jun, who went down from chopping rights on three occasions. Then the third man declared an automatical stoppage. In the semi-windup, Dynamic Hashimoto. 122¼, proved too ringwise for Koji Ikeda, 126½, in 10.

▶ Rated Rokuro Ishiyama's losing run continued to three, as he was outpunched by Hiroshi Shoji, junior light leader of Nippon, in 10 heats at Akita City. Shoji almost dumped the peekaboo battler with solid uppercuts that made Rokuro wobble in the third. They tipped the beam at 130½.

▶ A meeting of welter champs of Japan and Korea was a stunning disappointment, severely jeered by 1,600 fans at Koraquen Hall.

Kyung-In Cho, Korea, was unable to answer the bell for the fifth and was counted out by the referee after 20 seconds of the session. Cho received a gash over the right eye and disobeyed the third man's order to fight on after the OK of the ring doctor. The KO victor was Ryu Sorimachi, who nailed the Korean against the ropes, scoring with a right to the jaw in round four. They weighed 147½ each.

The semi-final saw Isao Miyata, 138½, upset Tatenao Mitsuyama in 8 heats.

▶ At Kawasaki, Takeshi Nakamura, ex-Orient leader, lost a hairline nod to newcomer Tatsuo Uchida, half a pound lighter than the oldtimer's 113, in 10 frames. Takeshi suffered his fourth setback in succession and looked stale.

Korean flyweight Tiger Yi decisioned Kuniaki Shimada in a semi 8-rounder.

▶ Rated bantamweight Kazuyoshi Kanazawa, 117¾, had a tough time in outpointing Leo Calderon, Mexico, 117½, in 10 rounds at Korakuen Hall. Leo, who overtopped the favorite by four inches, concentrated on left handers and counter punches on his rival's face. Kazu used his short range attack to take the fourth, sixth and tenth, while the lanky Mexican was in command in rounds two, five and nine. A draw was natural.

In a semi tenner, Yoshiaki Akasaka, 160, halted inexperienced Masami Gonda, 159, in 7.

▶ Shigeru Taremizu turned the tables on Dong-Ki Cho, Korean champ, in ten monotonous frames. The flyweights, scaling 113 pounds each, lacked fire except in the first stanza, when the lefthander had Cho on the deck for the mandatory eight.

Isao Ichihara lost to Shinjin-o winner Ishimatsu Suzuki in 6. They weighed 134½ pounds

▶ Shin-ichi Kadota was a KO winner at the expense of Suk-Kyu Park, Korea, in five rounds at Korakuen Hall. The winner weighed 137; Park, 136½.

▶ Flyweight Masao Ohba defeated his fourth champion for 1969. He beat Bernabe Villacampo, Philippine titlist, in a hard-fought nontitle tenner at Korakuen Hall. Ohba managed to avoid the lefty's non-stop rally by making the best use of his superior reach. Masao sent fast combinations, then quickly backpedalled, and dominated the fifth, sixth and final rounds.

Bernabe kept boring in to win the ninth. The official score was: 48-46, 48-47 and 50-46, all in Ohba's favor. They weighed 113 pounds each. Another upset was registered in a companion tenner. Veteran Yoshio Nakane was outpointed by Snappy Asano in a bantam ten.

▶ Cassius (Jun-ichi) Naito, 157¾, added an important win to his unblemished 12-0-0 by whipping Hisao Minami, 156, Orient welter boss, in 10 heats before a packed house of 2,900 at Nagoya. Cassius tabbed a shutout. His southpaw style prevented Minami from displaying his vaunted hit-and-run. Minami's title was not at a points winner over Shingo Kitano, 137. Flyweight Osamu Haba TKO'd Takedo Sukegawa at stake.

In a supporting ten, Yoichi Urawa, 139¼, was the end of the third.

▶ Koichi Wajima made impressive recovery from the one round kayo by Pedro Adigu in stopping Turtle Okabe, in one-sided 7 rounds. Koichi's continuous barrage made the lefty visit the canvas four times, twice each in the fourth and the final canto. They scaled 152½. The knockout meant Wajima's defense of Japan's junior middle laurels and upped his record to 13-1, (12 KOs). Wajima began to fight at age 25.

▶ Vil Tumlak, a neglected Filipino, 126½, pulled a surprise via a third round kayo over Nobuo Chiba, 128, national feather boss, decking the loser on three occasions. It was 'Upset of the Month.'

▶ Ex-Olympian Eiji Morioka earned a points win over Tiger Yi in a dull tenner at Korakuen Hall. They are bantamweights.

▶ Forced to backpedal all the way because of Sumio Nobata's scrappy action, Yoshiaki Numata was held to an unpopular draw in 10 frames at Korakuen Hall. Nobata looked a close winner.

RANDOLPH, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, PROVES BEST ● LIGHTWEIGHT IN OHIO ●

By Mike Etzkin

Massillon, Ohio—Mixing boxing and fighting, Lyle Randolph, the fighting school teacher from Massillon, has swung his way to a 12-2 record.

Randolph, who teaches a full load of math at Canton South High has earned praise from all corners.

Former lightweight champion Sammy Angott cited Randolph's speed, jabs and cleverness as key factors in the lightweight's success.

Pete Rademacher, who refereed Randolph's most recent fight in Akron said, "I am impressed with his coordination and his fine moves."

Randolph, the lightweight king of Ohio, had just whipped Wally Livingston, Trenton, N.J., for an eight-round unanimous decision.

It was his fourth consecutive win and his seventh in eight tries in 1969. His only 1969 loss was to Juan Jiminez, of Puerto Rico, at Orlando, Fla.

The year 1969 was a comeback of sorts for Randolph. He had taken a two and a half year break to attend Malone College. He was graduated with a B.A. degree in Mathematics. Before going to college, the 22-year-old fighter had a 3-1 pro mark. His only loss was to Leroy Youngblood, in his third pro fight. One month later, Randolph whipped Youngblood.

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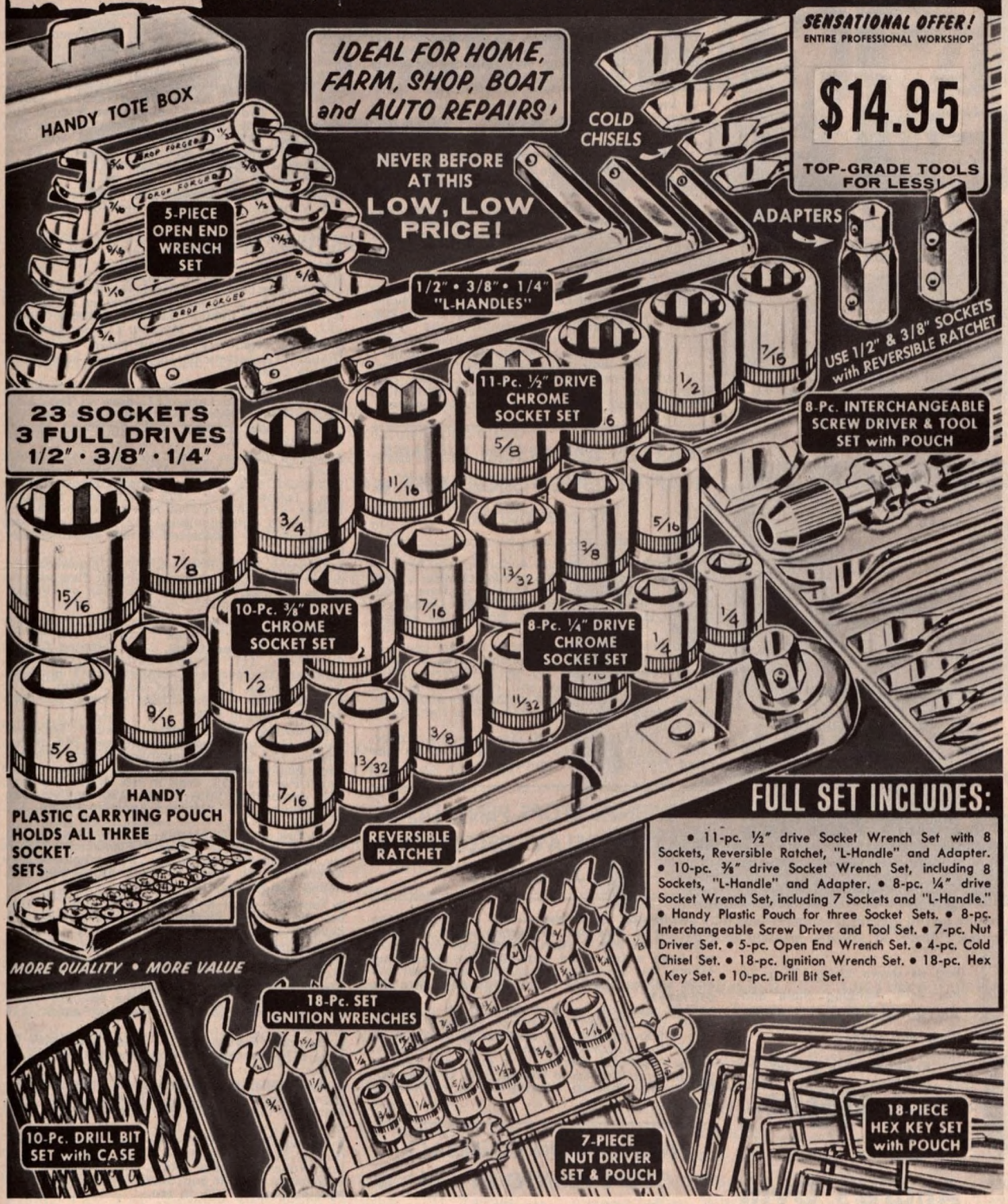

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NEW STAR GULLICK BOMBS ● VETERAN WILSON IN FIFTH ●

By Bruce Trampler

Akron, Ohio—Ted Gullick, 190, Youngstown, the 24-year-old blockbuster who gained international prominence by stopping Ray Anderson, ran his record to 7-0, all knockouts, by stopping veteran Ollie Wilson, 215, Hartford, in the fifth.

It was a good test for Gullick, as Wilson had plenty of ringmanship developed in battles with Eddie Machen, Cleve Williams, Karl Mildenberger, Harold Johnson and Willie Pastrano.

The end came when Gullick exploded a pair of left hooks to Wilson's midsection. Ollie boxed cleverly, despite an injured right shoulder, up to the end.

The semi-final produced something of an upset, as Aaron Eastling, 200, St. Paul, decisively outpointed Johnny Griffin, 187, Cleveland, over eight rounds. Eastling, kayoed in previous starts by Jerry Quarry, Johnny Mae, and Eddie Brooks, utilized a strong body attack.

Dave Matthews, 200, Akron, made it four in a row with a kayo of Larry Moore, 197, Louisville, at 48 seconds of the second, Ernie Shavers, 204, Warren, who is known hereabouts as the "Black Destroyer," did his thing against Tiger Brown, 210, Orlando, Fla. It was over in the first round.

In a great fight, Cleveland's Bobby Haymon, 149, got revenge against Teddy Cooper, 147, Washington. Haymon, a stablemate of Gullick, dropped Cooper in the first and won unanimously.

MARCUS ANDERSON WINNER ● AFTER LONG FORCED REST ●

By Joe Martin

Louisville, Ky.—Marcus Anderson won his second main event since his comeback after breaking his right hand in Los Angeles in June, 1968. Marcus, at 130¾, stopped Wallie Livingston, Washington D.C., 130½, in 2:52 of the second round.

Anderson dropped Livingston for the count of 9 in the early part of the second round. A bewildered Livingston got up at 9. Referee, Rolly Schwarts, of Cincinnati, cut it short. The first round was fairly even but at the start of the second Marcus tagged Livingston with a right hand, dropping him for 9.

After breaking his hand, Marcus had two operations. At the time he broke his hand, he was rated the sixth junior-lightweight.

WEINER STOPS PENTADO ● AS YUGOSLAVS CELEBRATE ●

By Janoz Gale

Lujubljana, Yugoslavia—This country is the only one in that part of Europe which is called "Behind the Iron Curtain." Curtain or no curtain, we have a few good pros and are developing others. Our amateurs are coming along fast and soon will be sending many good ones into the pro ranks.

This past year we had the first all pro card. Later, the 50th anniversary of Yugoslav boxing was celebrated with an amateur tournament in which Yugoslav boxers beat a team from Austria.

The night was marked by a good pro fight in which our welter Sreco Weiner, 141, knocked out Guinea Boy Pentado, Nigeria, 140, in the second round.

CHARTCHAI IN COMEBACK, ● STOPS AXINTO IN 6TH ●

By Manas Kiettiniyom

Bangkok, Thailand.—Former flyweight champion Chartchai Chionoi hammered out a sixth round technical knockout over Filipino Ely Axinto at Lumpini Stadium.

Referee Virawat Hinranleka stopped the bout in 2:40 of the sixth round.

Axinto got cut in the third round as the champion pounded his scalp and in the middle of the fourth round, Chartchai drew blood again. Then came the final blast.

Chartchai is on a come-back trail. He lost the world flyweight crown to Mexican Effren Torres early last year.

CHAMACO ORTIZ ENDS LONG ● WIN STREAK OF SANTANA ●

By Eduardo Amer

Mexico City, D.F.—Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz 125, ranked third among the junior lightweights, technically stopped Roberto Santana, 125, Brazil, who had been undefeated in 23 bouts. The Yucatan fighter is a terrific puncher. Roberto "Chocolate" Ramos, 138, halted David Vazquez, 136, in two. Cesar Ordoñez, 117, embalmed Rodolfo Aparicio, 117, in 2. Armando Calderas, 134, iced Jose Luis Lima, 133, in the opening round. Juan Granados, 113, kayoed Francisco Gaytan, 113, in two. Jorge Garcia, 118, decisioned Jose Vazquez, 119, in four.

▶ **Mexicali, Baja, California** — Alfredo Marcano, 126, Venezuela, won a close decision from Ricardo Arredondo, 126, in ten.

▶ **Mexico City**—Very good prospect Romeo Anaya, 117, put Ricardo "Pajaro" Solis, 117, to sleep in the second round. Javier Torres, 119, was stopped by Cesar Ordoñez, 117, in 6. Chamaco Lopez, 112, beat Armando Arango, 111, in 6. Jose Luis Martinez, 113, won as he pleased from Jose Luis Castillo, 113, in six. Mario Chavez, 112, decisioned Javier Moreno, 110, in four.

▶ **Mexico City** — Promising Felipe "Cachorro" Ursua, 117, technically halted Jose Luis Meza, 116, in three.

▶ **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Saul Montana, 117, and Rogelio Lara, 117, drew in ten. Jorge Gomez, 134, disposed of Miguel Hernandez, 135, in two. Javier Jimenez, 121, destroyed Joaquin Ulloa, 124, in two.

▶ **Mexico City** — Jose Luis Meza, 117, TKO'd Jaime "Dumbo" Perez, 117, in five. Raymundo Rodriguez, 135, bombed Pedro Lozano, 134, in one. Felipe Lopez, 123, flattened Benjamin Ibañez, 124, in the first round. Concho Muñoz, 144, TKO'd Luis Munguia, 142, in three. Andres Gonzalez, 124, outpointed Alfredo Martinez, 124, in four.

▶ **Tampico, Tamaulipas**—Chucho Castañeda, 134, polished off Chuy Llanos, 135, in five and became the new lightweight champion of Tamaulipas State.

▶ **Mexico, D. F.**—Felipe Torres, 127, technically kayoed Orlando "Paticas" Jimenez, 126, of Colombia, in 3. Raul Noria, 112, defeated Chucho Castañeda, 111, in ten. Carlos Vazquez, 123, whipped Crescencio Castañon, 124, in eight. Gabriel Roque, 111, halted Jose Calvario, 111, in two. Silvestre Reynoso, 134, knocked out Juan Sanchez, 134, in three.

▶ **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Manuel "Sonrisas" Avitia, 143, outscored Ruben Rivera, 144, in ten, and became the new welterweight king of Nuevo Leon State. Jose Angel Zamora, 132, and Jose Angel Herrera, 133, drew in ten. Isaias Martinez, 132, demolished Lupe Torres, 130, in five. Esteban Olivera, 123, defeated Apolonio Reyna, 121, in ten.

▶ **La Paz, Baja, California**—Alfredo Segura, 113, knocked out Victor "Pajaro" Plascencia, 113, in six. Roberto "Chino" Wong, 124, embalmed Baru Rivera, 125, in three. Crisanto Valenzuela, 144, nailed Leo Muñoz, 147, in 3.

▶ **Tlaxcala**—Raul Manjarrez, 120, iced "Acapulco" Nava, 119, in one. Manuel Martinez, 115, kayoed Carmelo Garfias, 116, in four.

▶ **Acapulco, Guerrero**—Joaquin Lara, 118, won from Francisco "Sugar" Pino, 117, in ten. Rosalio Mendiola, 125, technically stopped "Potrillo" Armenta, 125, in five. Agapito Candela, 119, destroyed Joel Garcia, 118, in the opening round. Alfredo Perez, 115, put Julian Hernandez, 114, to sleep in one.

▶ **Durango, Durango**—Jose Luis "Maestrito" Lopez, 117, disposed of Chamaco Lopez, 117, in five.

▶ **Manzanillo, Colima**—Armando Villa, 114, embalmed Chuy Rodriguez, 113, in 8. Oscar "Oso" Martinez, 112, stopped "Chango" Muñoz, 112, in two.

▶ **Gomez Palacio, Durango**—Constancio "Rocky" Garcia, 116, lost to Julio Cesar Segura, 117, in ten. Ruben "Coneja" Ruiz, 132, whipped Jose Valenzuela, 129, in ten. Vital Rios, 125, defeated Nicolas Peralta, 125, in ten.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

ROBERTSON MAKES IT 20 STRAIGHT, KOs CRUZ IN 4

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES, CAL.–Jimmy Robertson, 135, Hawthorne, landed a left hook and a sharp right hand to collect his 20th straight win at Olympic.

Robertson took out veteran Jose Luis Cruz, 137, Mexico City, in the fourth round of their scheduled ten.

What figured to be one of the Irishman's toughest assignments was one of his easiest. Left hooks dropped Cruz in the second and third rounds and after a 45 second battering in the fourth, referee George Latka called it a night.

The show, first for new Olympic matchmaker Don Chargin, drew 5,017, and a gate of $8,674.

Ricky Sessions, 126½, Los Angeles, stopped Hector Zuniga, 125½, Mexico, (6); Shin Oshima, 120, Tokyo, TKO (cut eye) over Jose Mendoza, 124½, Los Angeles; Sal Ramirez, 126, East Los Angeles, decisioned Baby Corona, 129, Los Angeles, (5).

► **San Francisco** – Nate Collins, 161½, San Francisco, gave Jesse Armenta, 160, Mexico City, a sound licking, scoring a TKO win in the fifth round.

The contest was halted on the advice of Dr. Don Lastre, who said that a cut above Armenta's left eye was too severe for him to continue.

Nate Williams, 160, Las Vegas, stopped Charro Velarde, 163, Mexico, (1); Eddie Mazon, 138, San Diego, TKO (cut eye) over Billy Thompson, 137, San Francisco, (5); Juan Tapiz, 136, San Diego, KO over Johnny Melendez, 136, San Francisco, (6).

► **Los Angeles** – Filipino lightweight Ely Yares won his eighth straight stateside start when he outpointed Eddie Garcia, Los Angeles, in the 10-round feature at Olympic.

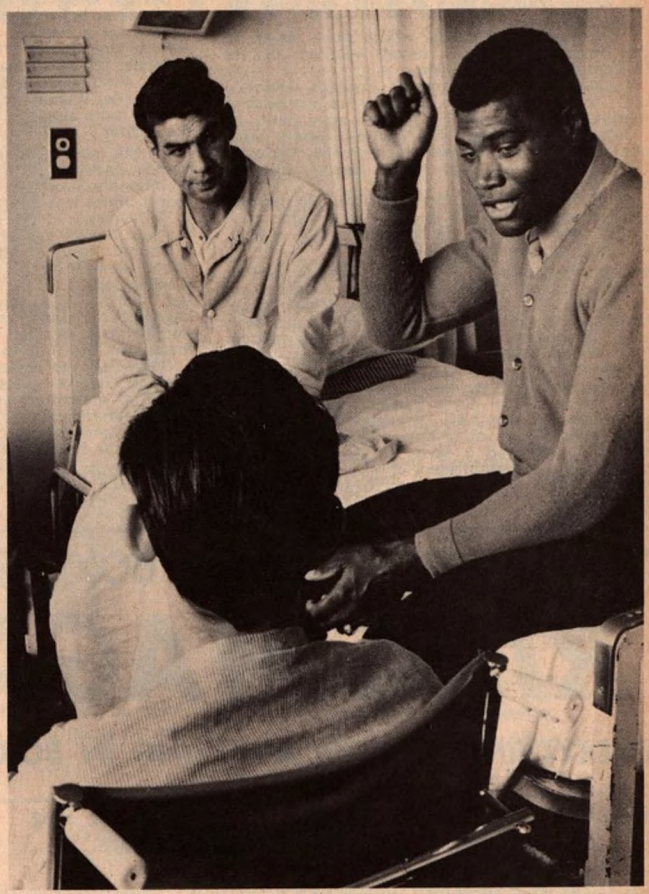
It was a gory battle from the second round on. Yares split the bridge of Garcia's nose. Then the veteran Garcia opened a cut over Yares' right eye.

Referee Lee Grossman scored it 8-2; judge Dick Young and judge Larry Rozadilla, 7-2. Yares, from Cebu City, weighed 136. Garcia, who announced his retirement following the loss, tipped in at 138½.

Carlos Fernandez, 135, Mexicali, knocked out Jimmy Ligon, 135, Los Angeles, (5); Shim Oshima, 120, Tokyo, decisioned Carlos Vasquez, 121, Guaymas, Mex., (5); Sal Ramirez, 137, Zacatecas, Mex., decisioned Dave Arellano, 137, Guaymas, Mex., (5).

► **San Jose**–Ray Echavarria, 126½, San Jose, turned in a fine boxing exhibition to defeat Felipe Gonzales, 126½, Mexicali, Mexico, in the 10-round main event at Civic Auditorium.

In a second ten, Steve Carter, 188½, Oakland, outslugged Marty Franklin, 195, Oakland.



Mac Foster, who KOd Bob (Pretty Boy) Felstein in two rounds at Fresno, is shown visiting with Vietnam veterans at Fresno Veterans Hospital.

Kenyatta Hockenhull, 222, San Diego, one time protégé of Archie Moore, bombed out Gil Haney, 199, in the first round.

► **Fresno**–Unbeaten Mac Foster, 212, Fresno, warmed up in the first round, then went to work in the second and KO'd Bob (Pretty Boy) Felstein, 208, Toronto, of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Johnny Perez, 126, Fresno, decisioned Davey White, 132, Los Angeles, (6); Roger Webster, 176, Oakland, decisioned Ken Washman, 168, Fresno, (6); Ted Lidgett, 164, Los Angeles, outpointed Mel Jones, 158, Oakland, (4).

► **Stockton** – Roger Boy Pedrano, 126, Manila, stopped Manny Camay, 124, Mexico, in the tenth and final round of their main event at Memorial Auditorium.

Benny Gerolaga, 114, Stockton, former national amateur flyweight champ, KO'd Florentino Ramirez, 115, San Jose, (6). David Rocha, 136½, Fresno, and Eddie DeVaughn, 138, Sacramento, drew, (6).

MIKE QUARRY OUTPOINTS ● MURRAY IN ORLANDO RING ●

By Hank Kaplan

Orlando, Florida—Mike Quarry, 172, Bellflower, Cal., handled by his older brother, Jerry, drew 1971 spectators to the Orlando Sports Stadium to watch him outpoint Teddy Murray, 172, Melbourne, in unanimous fashion. Quarry tried several times to put his haymaker on the Florida boy but Teddy was defensively at his best.

In a co-featured eight-rounder, Mose Harrell returned to action as he unanimously decisioned Tiger Brown, 216, Orlando. Mose injured his right hand. In the fourth round Harrell dropped Brown to his knees with a right. Harrell repeated the knockdown in the fifth round with a long right but Brown bounced back each time and went the route.

This was Harrell's first effort since losing to Joe Bunger in England. Harrell weighed 201. He is from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lonnie Robbins, Altamonte Springs, knocked out Lee "Yankee" Brown, Melbourne, in the first minute of round one of a middleweight bout.

Another scheduled sixer found former AAU champion, Morris Reeves, Jacksonville, taking a 59-second KO win over Walter Newell, Apopka, in a lightweight bout.

Another six-rounder found George "Moonport" Holden pounding out a unanimous decision over Henry Hall, Orlando, in a heavyweight match. George used plenty of legwork.

▶ Pete Ashlock's show at the Orlando Sports Stadium brought together light-heavyweights Teddy Murray, 173, Melbourne, and Joe Moss, Homestead, 173½. The bout resulted in a split decision victory in favor of Murray, over ten rounds. The officials judged the bout as follows: 47-47, 50-49 for Murray and 47-46 for Murray. This bout was the first in 15 months for Moss.

In the semi-final, Ernie Shavers, 1969 National champion of the AAU Tourney, knocked out George Holden in round one. Shavers, from Warren, Ohio, showed a style in the heavyweight bout which was reminiscent of a young Cleveland Williams. This is his second victory since turning professional.

In another scheduled six-rounder Kit Sheffield, Eustis, Florida, knocked out Eddie Walker, Mount Dora, Florida, in the fifth round of a welterweight bout.

Morris Reeves, Jacksonville, former State AAU champion, kayoed Tom Anderson, Winter Haven, in the second round of a middleweight bout.

In a six-rounder, Leroy Anderson, Orlando, captured a close decision over Henry Hall, Orlando, in a heavyweight bout. The verdict was split, with one judge viewing the fight a draw.

McCLURE STOPS FLOYD ON ● RETURN FROM LONG REST ●

By Leonard LaBarre

Detroit, Mich.—Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure has returned to the ring with a bang. Making a comeback after a two-year layoff, he scored a quick victory over Sonny Floyd, Trenton, at the Fairgrounds. McClure (24-7-1) flattened Floyd with a quick combination, after only two minutes of round one. Wilbert is training hard, and after a couple more tuneups, will be ready to move up the ladder.

In the semi-windup, also scheduled for 10 rounds, heavyweight Arnie Brower (23-4-2) stopped Richmond's Jimmy "Ragman" Jones in the first round. Jones was down three times to give Brower a TKO victory at the 2:41 mark. Arnie is one of the few Jewish fighters active today.

Detroit fighters also scored in preliminary bouts. General Neely (6-0) decisioned Dave Wyatt, Washington, D.C., 6, welterweights; Cubby "Top Cat" Jackson (2-0) kayoed Jim White (0-1), Muskegon, two rounds, welterweights; and Gene Simelton (1-1) stopped Dave Thack (3-1-1), Kalamazoo, in the first round, middleweights.

Golden Gloves action is brisk at Grand Rapids centers. Twelve gyms are humming, as more than 100 youngsters are training for the 39th annual Western Michigan tournament.

Flint, Lansing, and Saginaw boxers also are training for the Gloves

▶ At Detroit, Hedgemon Lewis returned from California to show before the hometown fans. He earned a hard-fought 10-round victory over Don Cobbs. Al Jones (160) was impressive stopping Bob Garrett in four. Heavyweight Charley Williams knocked out Battling Bob Smith in four. Smith appeared poorly conditioned. Al Evans (175) kayoed Art James in three rounds.

▶ Undefeated Pete Holliman, a Cassius Clay lookalike, recovered from serious illness and should be ready to turn pro before long . . . Ron Standard defeated two Flint fighters, Joe Byrd and Wilbert Elbert, to continue his advancement in the heavyweight ranks . . . Jimmy Christopher, Willie McMillian, and Henry Hank, all veteran battlers, keep going. Jimmy journeyed to Halifax, where he dropped a 10-round duke to Bill Drover. McMillian stopped Vic Brown in Cleveland, and Hank was outpointed by Hal Carroll in Syracuse. Al "Evil" Evans looks good since his return after a two-year layoff. Mike O'Riley and Woody Harris should fight each other during 1970, to keep their records of one bout per year going. Each fought once during 1968 and 1969. O'Riley won a decision over Harris in a real good crowd pleaser in 1968.

Another fighter who has been averaging only one bout a year is Larry Charleston. Larry was a national champion as an amateur, but has had a hard time getting started as a pro.

KING STOPS WADE BUT IT'S ● HARDLY A BIG FEAT ●

By John McCafferty

Canton, Ohio—Dean Chance promoted a show here in which unimpressive Gil King, 143, Akron, knocked out Claude Wade, 147, Washington, D.C., in round four. Win number 20 for King did little to improve his image as a fighter.

In the best contest of the card Adrian Davis, 142, Washington, won an eight-round decision over Chuck McCreary, 155, Youngstown.

Dave Matthews, 198, Akron, stopped Gene Hunt, 209, Akron, in round two.

Ernie Shavers, 200, Warren, stopped Chico Francano, 203, Washington, in round one.

Jim Carafelli, 214, Wooster, KOd Larry Moore, 197, Louisville, in round two.

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England Waits Patiently for Heavies to Produce

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LONDON, ENGLAND — Good old England is frankly jealous of Uncle Sam. The U.S.A. has had its Frazier-Ellis excitement, and over here we are waiting, and waiting.

There is nothing afoot regarding Henry Cooper, who says he wants to go on fighting.

There is some talk of a Jack Bodell fight with Floyd (The Hermit) Patterson, who wants to get another shot at the world title and knows he needs a testing fight with somebody like Bodell.

England still hopes to stir up some heavyweight excitement even if it has to import Urtain, the Basque strong man.

The British Empire heavyweight ratings are embellished by George Chuvalo, the Canadian, in the No. 2 spot, but George has not appeared in England since January 27, 1966, when he dropped pretty low in a ten-round defeat by the now forgotten Eduardo Corletti.

The way the heavies stack up in the Empire grouping it comes to this: Cooper, Chuvalo, Bodell, Gizzi, Campbell, Tighe, Bugner, Johnson, McAlinden and Field. Some used to be, some may be.

▶ **Nottingham**—Ricky Porter, Swindon, 148, and Les Pearson, Pontefract, 146½, were even at 39¼ at the end of the welterweight eight. Maurice Thomas, Bradford, 164¼, and Darkie Smith, Walsall, 164, also fought eight to a draw. They are middleweights.

Jack Cotes, Huthwaite, 192¼, knocked out Del Phillips, Cardiff, 192½, in the first of a heavyweight bout.

Mick Brown, Nottingham, 171, stopped John Smith, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 158¼, in the sixth of a cruiserweight contest.

▶ **Shoreditch** — Jackie Lee, Hoxton, 133½, stopped Tony Riley, Coventry, 136¾, in the seventh when Riley suffered a badly cut eye.

Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, 131, stopped Pat Pain, Barking, 132, in the second.

Mickey Oates, Walthamstow, 135¼, outpointed Tei Dovey, Ghana, 135¾, in a six.

Micky Laud, St. Ives, 146½, returned to the ring after a long layoff to outpoint Muhammed Ellah, Ghana, 149, in a six.

John Waddingham, Islington, 133½, outpointed Pat Walsh, Ilford, 141½, in six rounds. Lex Wilson, Battersea, 150, outpointed Les Ferdinand, Muswell Hill, 149, in a six.

▶ **Solihull**—Bunny Johnson, Birmingham heavy, demolished Guinea Roger, Nigeria, who fell from a hard right soon after the bell sounded for the first round. The bout lasted 80 seconds. Roger did not land a blow. Referee Roland Dakin intervened when Roger was draped over the middle rope.

Maurice Cullen, Shotton, former British lightweight champion, gained an easy points victory over Victor Paul, Nigeria, in eight. Cullen gained the advantage in every round.

Karim Young, Nigeria, stopped Jim McAuley, Belfast, in the sixth of featherweight contest. Les Davies, Bagnor, outpointed Erroll Francis, Wolverhampton, in a welterweight six.

Don Halden, Rugeley, stopped Rudolph Vaughan, St. Kitts, in the fourth of a heavyweight bout.

▶ **National Sporting Club, London**—Jimmy Bell, Kilmarnock, featherweight champion of Scotland, 128½, gained a clear points win over Gerry McBride, Manchester, 128¾, in an eight. Referee Bill White saw it 40-38¾.

After the contest, the medical officer advised Bell to have an X-ray of left shoulder, which troubled him towards the end of the contest.

John Kellie, Glasgow, 120½, defeated Ron Elliott, Hackney, 128½, in the fifth. The Scot was a little ahead when a clash of heads saw Elliott emerge with a badly cut right eye.

Derek Simpson, Hamilton, 140, showed good form in outpointing Freddie Williams, Nuneaton, 132½, in a six.

Dave Evans, Bournemouth, 146½, outpointed Fitz Francis, Wolverhampton, 148¾, in a six.

▶ **Bedford** — Cliff Field, Dunstable, 203, continued unbeaten with a one-sided victory over Obe Hepburn, Manchester, 189, who was forced to retire at the end of the fourth. Hepburn took nine in the second and was a receiver for the rest of the bout. He was cut about the eyes.

Brian Whelan, Luton, 141¾, outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, 144, in a six.

Gerald Gooding, Harrow, 161, outpointed Wendle Smith, Tottenham, 161, in a six rounder.

Joe Cascales, Newport Pagnell, 134, and Kenny Richards, Deptford, 135, drew in 18 minutes.

▶ **Manchester**—Lennie Gibbs, Paddington, 160, stopped Clive Cook, Cardiff, 157, when referee Wally Thom intervened in the seventh.

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Jack Bodell, British heavyweight king, may meet Floyd Patterson, the former two-time heavyweight champion of the world, in England in the near future. Bodell, a southpaw, ranks third in the current British Empire ratings.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 1970

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)
2. George Chuvalo (C)
3. Jack Bodell (E)
4. Carl Gizzi (W)
5. Rocky Campbell (Gu)
6. Roger Tighe (E)
7. Joe Bugner (E)
8. Bunny Johnson (J)
9. Don McAlinden (I)
10. Cliff Field (E)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Dick Tiger (Bi)
2. Bob Dunlop (A)
3. Eddie Avoth (W)
4. Leweni Waqa (Fi)
5. Young McCormack (E)
6. Al Sparks (C)
7. Ray Brittle (E)
8. Guinea Roger (N)
9. Lloyd Walford (E)
10. Dickie Owens (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Les McAteer (E)
2. Gomeo Brennan (B)
3. Mark Rowe (E)
4. Dave Downey (C)
5. Dick Duffy (W)
6. Bunny Sterling (J)
7. Chris Finnegan (E)
8. Dick Blair (A)
9. Billy Choules (A)
10. Fred Taupola (NZ)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Ralph Charles (E)
2. Joey Durelle (C)
3. Teddy Meho (G)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Lennox Beckles (Gu)
6. Peter Cobblah (G)
7. Eddie Dawson (A)
8. Chuck Henderson (E)
9. Gus Farrell (I)
10. Obletty Commey (G)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Maurice Cullen (E)
2. Vic Andreetti (E)
3. Bobby Arthur (E)
4. Des Rea (I)
5. Peter Quinn (E)
6. Colin Fraser (C)
7. Don McMillan (S)
8. Ricky Porter (E)
9. Pat McCormack (I)
10. Jackie Turpin (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Percy Hayles (J)
3. Bunny Grant (J)
4. Brian Hudson (E)
5. Al Ford (C)
6. Ray Adigun (N)
7. Fred Wicks (A)
8. Joe Tetteh (G)
9. Jim Watts (S)
10. Jake Gulino (A)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Jimmy Anderson (E)
2. Love Allotey (G)
3. Colin Lake (E)
4. Len Gillis (C)
5. Lawrence Hafey (C)
6. George O'Neill (E)
7. Hugh Baxter (S)
8. Terry Wilson (A)
9. Charlie James (T)
10. Leo Young (A)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Jimmy Revie (E)
2. Lionel Rose (A)
3. Billy McGrandle (C)
4. Toro George (NZ)
5. John O'Brien (S)
6. Evan Armstrong (S)
7. Reg Gullefer (E)
8. Ken Bradley (A)
9. Jimmy Bell (S)
10. Ken Cooper (E)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Alan Rudkin (E)
2. Walter McGowan (S)
3. Johnny Clark (E)
4. Rocky McDougall (C)
5. Bob Allotey (G)
6. Patrick Mambwe (Z)
7. Orizu Obilaso (N)
8. Steve Curtis (W)
9. Paul Ferrari (A)
10. Paul Humm (E)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Harry Hayes (A)
3. Alex Martin (C)
4. Sandy Flucker (A)
5. David Atkins (A)
6. Tony Williams (W)
7. Bill Amos (Z)
8. Kid Miller (Z)

Legend: A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; IN India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; NZ New Zealand; S Scotland; SA South Africa; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

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SALI GETS DISPUTED CALL OVER ● BHENGU IN SO. AFRICA ●

By Ed Clark

Johannesburg, South Africa—Simon Sali, 145, won over Enoch Bhengu, 149½, in a lackluster contest over eight rounds at East London. The decision was close and a draw would have been a better reflection.

Alesta Mahashe, 139, hammered Nicholas Mkhize to take a fourth round TKO win. Jack Jim, 134, and Alpheus Sikosane, 139, drew over six. Isaac Boqwana, 124, won a six from Howard Mpinga, 123. Howard Tikana, 111, KOd Johannes Ngwenyana, four.

▶**Johannesburg**—Enoch Nhlapo, lightweight champion of South Africa won the vacant junior welter title by KO over Gabriel Dlamini in the 11th round. Nhlapo scored well with lefts. Anthony Sithole won the vacant bantam title against Smuts Mokoena, who surprised by making Sithole fight every inch of the way.

▶**Durban**—The fight between Joe Sishi, 152, and Mike Ramagole, 151, was ended by an accidental butt by Sishi. Ramagole, blinded, called it quits at the end of the third. William Radebe, 130, lost to Sinet Shabalala, 127, after eight rounds. Blakeney Matthews outpointed Andries Mthembu, 123½, over six.

▶**Cape Town**—Two bone-crushing rights to the head by "Black Shamba" put Johnny Abrahams away for keeps in the fifth round at the Bonteheuwel Community Centre. Shamba, with an 11-pound pull in weight, exploited a bolo right with telling effect.

Melvyn Cross, 139, making his debut, was beaten on points by Robert Mahlati, 135, over four.

Dave Buxton, 132, KOd Fighting Tony, 132, in the third.

Fighting Hans ran out of steam in the sixth against Wilfred Daintree, 143. Battling Fani, 142, won a hard four against Neville Bean, 135.

▶**Kroonstad**—In a tame eight-rounder Victor Tshabalala drew with Charles Motjeane. Simon Monamodi, 122, beat Josiah Dlamini, 111, in an action-packed six-rounder.

Jeremiah Mzelwane, 136, outpointed Jacob Mashigo, 143, over eight.

Isaac Hlahane, 120, TKOd Peter Moletsane, 123, in the third. Joseph Gumede, 117, TKOd Paulus Twala, 121, in the fifth.

▶**Cape Town**—Using his straight left like a rapier, Richard Borias, 136, outpointed Eric Mahlo, 142, over 10 rounds at Langa Stadium.

Tiger Mokoena, 131, retired in the second round because of a cut over his left eye, in his fight with Isaac Rakhajane, 130.

Sermon Nelani, 128, beat Prince Sithela, four rounds.

Joe Africa, 134, outpointed Goodie Green, 137, in a six. Bashew Sibaca, 119, beat Young Borias, 117, points, four. Leslie Tangee, 127, won a six against Mongesi Twani, 134.

▶**Cape Town**—Benny de Beer, Johannesburg, gained a close 10-round points win over Michel leRoux, Cape champion, in the welter division.

Sammy de Beer, Benny's brother, won a six against Rocky Small.

In a four-round welter clash Joe Moll beat Monty Marais. Willie Mostert won over Eddie Cave. Albie Marais outpointed Pat Michael over six, light heavyweights.

Heavy Hannes Madsen TKOd Piet Marais, three.

▶**East London**—Remington "Colorado King" Dyantyi, 182, won the vacant non-white heavy title when he beat Smith Tshabalala, 183, on a TKO in the eighth. Sparara Qelile, 134, beat Abe Ncala, four. Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji, 124, TKOd Jimmy Raolane, 124, in the sixth. Alfred Buqwana, 124, outpointed Lawrence Ndzondo over six. Rafty Mngarli, 111, won against Sydney Mbangxa, 111, in an eight.

CARROLL AND BACKUS SET ● FOR ACTION IN SYRACUSE ●

By Vince Jim Leo

Syracuse, N.Y.—The past year proved to be fruitful for Syracuse's hopefuls, Hal Carroll and Billy Backus. Both made Ring's Top Ten rankings.

Carroll, guided by Irv Robbins, is fresh from a convincing win over veteran Henry Hank. Hal is ready to tackle other light heavy contenders.

Backus opens the 70's in Syracuse facing Ricky Ortiz in a rematch of their draw.

▶Dick Topinko, Buffalo, N.Y., welter, and Henry Pelow, a middleweight, both victorious in their Syracuse debuts, should be kept busy in the local area. Dick is undefeated in nine bouts. He looks like a throwback to Rocky Kansas.

▶Tony Graziano, restauranteur, who manages Billy Backus, has added another fighter to his stable, Johnny D'Amore, former footballer. John, a light-heavy, is from Rome, N.Y.

▶A popular Syracuse fisticuffer of a couple of decades ago, Cliff Hart, who boxed Kid Gavilan here, keeps busy as the Tax Collector in the town of Salina.

▶Syracuse's Golden Boy during the '50s, Joey DeJohn, a middleweight, is associated with his brother Tom in the construction business here.

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RENO UPSETS GOSHA IN ● TEN ROUNDS IN SEATTLE ●

By Jim Johnston

Seattle, Wash. — Charlie Reno, 245, Seattle, beat Dick Gosha, 191, San Francisco, in a ten rounder before a crowd of 2,021. Down four an eight-count in the fifth round Reno rallied in the late rounds to score his upset win.

Manny Camway, Durango, Mexico, was awarded a TKO in 2:05 of the seventh over San Francisco featherweight Indian Max Garcia.

In a light heavyweight bout John Griffen, Cleveland, stopped Seattle's Stan Johnson in two heats.

▶Boone Kirkman, Seattle heavyweight, has resumed his ring career. His collarbone injuries have healed well. Kirkman last entered a ring on September 19, 1968, when he outpointed Bill McMurray.

HENRIQUE STOPS ARANDA FOR ● SOUTH AMERICAN TITLE ●

By Waldemar Zumbano

Sao Paulo, Brazil—Boxing activity here entering 1970 involved a dispute over the vacant junior welterweight South American title.

In the Ibirapuera Gymnasium, Brazilian champion João Henrique kayoed Mario Molina, the champion of Chile, in the 12th round.

The Brazilian champion contended against Argentinian champion Juan Aranda for the South American title.

Henrique was the winner by KO and became the new champion. He stopped Aranda in the ninth round. It was a brilliant fight.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

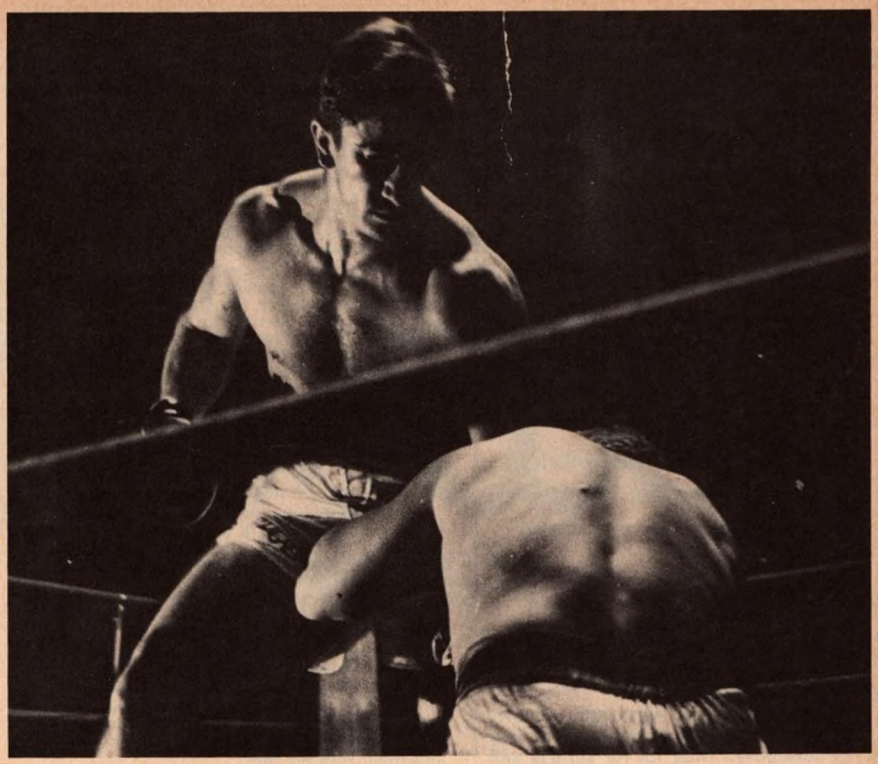
By J. A. TREE

BARCELONA, SPAIN—The Continent's heavyweight hope, Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain, beat Vasco Faustino, Brazil, in the first and brought his score to 24 KO's in as many starts.

Lightweight Pedro Carrasco beat Dino Del Cid, who was disqualified in the second. Welterweight Chris Fernandez outscored Angel Garcia, 8. Welterweight Carlos San Jose II beat Bernard Daudu, KO 8. Lightweight Toni Fernandez decisioned Anton Navarro, 8.

In another card here, featherweight Jose Legra beat Miguel Herrera, TKO 2. Lightweight Miguel Velasquez drew in 10 with Chris Fernandez. Welterweight Angel Garcia beat Jose Luis Vallejo, TKO 6. Welterweight Pablo Vallecillo decisioned Bernard Dauda, 8.

Madrid saw Urtain bring his score to 23 beating Leo Patterson, KO 2. A right hook to the head brought the bout to an end.



Here is Europe's newest heavyweight sensation, Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain, of Spain, in the act of battering an opponent. This has been a familiar story for the Basque's followers as he has now scored 24 knockouts in 24 starts. As they say, you can't do much better than that in any league.

Urtain Meets Weiland For Europe's Heavyweight Title

Lightweight San Roman and Manan drew in 8. Welterweight Pedro Carrasco beat Vic Anddreetti, TKO 10. Featherweight Agustin Senin decisioned Jim McAuley, 8.

Bantam Vicente Francisco Terry outpointed Antonio Galvez in an eight.

Welterweight Antonio Torres outscored Toni Ortiz in 24 minutes.

Urtain finally is going after better class opposition. In fact, he has challenged Peter Weiland, heavyweight champion of Europe, and they will meet in Madrid, with the German collecting $42,850, plus a share of the television gravy.

SWEDEN

▶ **Gothenburg**—With only two days to go before Sweden's ban on boxing promoter Knutsson staged a show with European middleweight champion Tom Bogs, (169) facing German Karl Heinz Brunnholz (173). The German was decked in rounds two and three and then gave in. This gave Bogs his 53rd victory without defeat.

Werner Mundt, Germany, decisioned Swedish middleweight champion Bo Pettersson in 8. Pettersson took a count of eight from a left hook to the head in frame three.

Harri Piitualinen, Finland, took a count in round one from a right to the chin but fought back to draw his eight rounder with Bruno Melissano. Some of the 4,500 thought Melissano had won.

European flyweight champion, Fernado Atzori, Italy (118.2) won his eight rounder against Ulf Danielsson, Sweden, who was decked for in frame seven. Danielsson weighed 117 lbs.

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 1970

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*1. Peter Weiland (G)
2. Dante Cane (I)
3. Piero Tomasoni (I)
4. Jürgen Blin (G)
5. Paul Roux (F)
6. Giulio Rinaldi (I)
7. Jose Urtain (S)
8. Giorgio Bambini (I)
9. Benito Canal (S)
10. Mariano Echevarria (S)

LIGHT HEAVIES
*1. Yvan Prebeg (Yu)
2. Piero Del Papa (I)
3. Giovanni Biancardi (I)
4. Arno Prick (G)
5. Guerrino Scattolin (I)
6. Alfred Vogrig (I)
7. Bas Van Duivenbode (H)
8. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
9. Gionfranco Maccia (I)
10 Pierre Minier (F)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*1. Tom Bogs (D)
2. Nino Benvenuti (I)
3. Juan Carlos Duran (I)
4. Pascal Di Benedetto (I)
5. Yolande Levigue (F)
6. Jacques Marty (F)
7. Luigi Patruno (I)
8. Mario Lamagna (I)
9. Hans Dieter Schwartz (G)
10. Klaus Stockman (G)

JUNIOR MIDDLES
*1. Gerhard Piaskowy (G)
2. Remo Golfarini (I)
3. Massimo Bruschini (I)
4. Jean-Baptiste Rolland (F)
5. Fabio Bettini (I)
6. Jo Gonzales (F)
7. Aldo Battistutta (I)
8. Vid Stilija (I)
9. Luciano Sarti (I)
10. Peter Marklewitz (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
*1. Johann Orsolics (A)
2. Carmelo Bosi (I)
3. Roger Menetrey (F)
4. Silvano Bertini (I)
5. Domenico Tiberia (I)
6. Marcel Cerdan (F)
7. Robert Gallois(F)
8. Lucien Fernandez (F)
9. Jean Josselin (F)
10. Antonio Torres (S)

JUNIOR WELTERS
*1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Juan Sombrita (S)
3. Sandro Lopopolo (I)
4. Cemal Kamaci (A)
5. Willi Quatuor (G)
6. Rene Roque (F)
7. Börge Krogh (D)
8. Barrera Corpas (S)
9. Ermanno Fosoli (I)
10. Renano Fanali (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Championship Vacant)
1. Miguel Velasquez (S)
2. Maurice Tavant (F)
3. Antonio Puddu (I)
4. Leonard Tavares (F)
5. Carmelo Coscia (I)
6. Vicenzo Pitardi (I)
7. Kid Tano (S)
8. Enrico Barlatti (I)
9. Pietro Ziino (I)
10. Olli Maki (F)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*1. Tommaso Galli (I)
2. Jose Legra (S)
3. Manuel Calvo (S)
4. Lothar Abend (G)
5. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
6. Daniel Vermandere (F)
7. Renato Galli (I)
8. Nevio Carbi (I)
9. Felix Brami (F)
10. Michel Houdeau (F)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Ben Ali (S)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Pierre Vetroff (F)
5. Marc Vandomme (F)
6. Claude Lapinte (F)
7. Antonio Sassarini (I)
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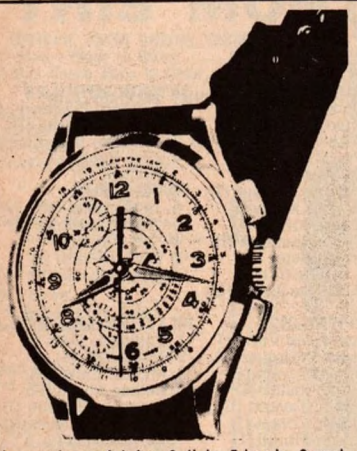

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LEWIS WHIPS COBBS, WHO GOES LIMIT IN DETROIT

By Elliott H. Harvith

Detroit, Mich.—Welter contender Hedgemon Lewis, 145, Detroit, made his first appearance in the Motor City in more than 2 years. A poor crowd of only 2,200 at the Olympia turned out to see him beat Don Cobbs, 145, St. Louis.

The first five of the ten rounds were all Lewis. His boxing and punching thrilled the fans. However, Cobbs rallied in the 6th frame. Both landed hard shots in a round that appeared even. Round 7 was in Cobb's favor by a shade as Lewis suffered an eye cut. In an exciting 8th Lewis landed with lefts but Cobbs fought back and landed more often.

Lewis was back in control in the 9th, landing often and receiving little in return. Hedgemon took a slow final round. The scorecards read as follows: Referee Lou Jallos, 50-41, Lewis; judge Abe Ableoff, 50-40, Lewis; judge Ken Offett, 49-40, Lewis. This writer scored it 48-43, Lewis.

In the semi-final Al "Tiger Cat" Jones, 158, Detroit made it 8 for 8 with a fourth round TKO over Bob Garrett, 162, St. Louis. Garrett hit the deck twice in round 2 on left hooks. In the 3rd, Jones was hammering away at Garrett's right eye which was closed, and it was apparent Garrett was out of the battle. It ended when the doctor would not let Garrett come out for the 4th.

Charley Williams, 210, St. Louis, stopped Battling Bob Smith, 190, Detroit in 4 rounds.

Smith, former claimant to the Michigan heavyweight title, did not train a day for the fight and ran out of steam after 2 rounds. In the 4th Smith was gasping for breath, having stopped Williams' left hand with his jaw.

Smith was hopelessly beaten and ready to hit the canvas for the first time in his life when Referee Tom Briscoe raised Williams' hand at the 2:33 mark. This appears to be the final chapter in the Battling Bob Smith story. He could have been a championship contender but persisted in destroying himself.

Al "Evil" Evans, 173, Detroit, stopped Art "Jesse" James, 170, St. Louis, in 3 rounds. James hit the deck on a right cross near the end of round 2. Evans floored James again as the bell rang. The doctor would not let James come out for round 3. Evans is now 4-1.

General Neely, 145, Detroit, outpointed Jim Jonse, 144, St. Louis, in N.J.

At the Fairgrounds 1,022 saw Skeeter McClure, 161, Detroit, after a 2-year layoff, KO'ed Sonny Floyd, 174, Wash., D.C. with the only two punches thrown in the fight. Time 2:21.

At Omaha, Neb. on Dec. 19 Joe Byrd of Flint, "The Toy Block" proved a tough opponent for Ron Stander. Ron took the duke in 6, having to go the route for the first time. Detroit welter Denny Stiletto was belted out in 1 by Rocky Valdez at Las Vegas.

FORMER SENSATION RODRIGUEZ STILL RUNNING IN RUT

By George D. Blair

St. Paul, Minn. — Minneapolis featherweight Bobby Rodriguez, 128½, and Chamacho Hernandez, 131, Mexico, fought a three round technical draw when the bout, slated for ten, was stopped due to accidental butting in Los Angeles.

Rodriguez has been a big disappointment. Bobby had six bouts, losing the first five and now the draw with Hernandez. Rodriguez had won his first twenty fights in a row and it looked as if he were headed for big things. Then came 1969.

Aaron Eastling, St. Paul heavyweight, posted his first win in over a year and a half, in gaining a decision over John Griffin, Cleveland, in ten rounds at Akron.

▶A certain local boxer has been fighting under different names around the area, and coming up a constant knockout loser! The State Commission should get wise.

▶George G. McPartlin, St. Paul attorney, was recently appointed to the Minnesota Commission, filling the vacancy left open when Jack Gibbons was appointed as Secretary, following the passing of George Barton.

McPartlin is a former college, Golden Glove, and professional boxer. He competed in the early 30s, winning Big Ten titles.

▶Emmett Weller, St. Paul promoter, suffered a light heart attack recently and spent several days in the hospital.

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By Scoop Gallello

National VBA President

Carmine Fatta... who boxed professionally from 1939 to 1946, facing Bobby Ruffin, Beau Jack, Cleo Shans and Sal Bartolo, is retired from a Government job, and assists his wife in her luncheonette in his home town of Newburgh, N.Y.

Tony Messina... former pugilist from Albany, N.Y., who had a heart seizure, is recuperating in Ellis Hospital in that city. Messina is the recording secretary of VBA Ring 26 of Schnectady, N.Y.

Mickey Esposito... Secretary of VBA Ring #14, New Jersey, is being boosted for the Post Master job of Jersey City. Mickey was not only a good boxer in his day, but one of boxing's War Heroes.

Jack Torrence... former pugilist and world's champ shot putter, died recently at age 56.

Bernard "Ben" Anolik... former promoter who lived almost 15 months with a transplanted heart, died recently at age 47. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Teddy Hayes... oldtime pugilist who participated in over 300 bouts, passed away recently in Maine at age 78.

Vince and Jo Handley... Official Photographers of VBA were recently made Honorary Members of VBA Ring #32, Detroit.

VBA Ring # 9... New Jersey, held its annual Christmas party for the neighborhood youngsters, with former pugilist Clarence "Champ" Snell playing Santa.

Armand Viger... middleweight out of Troy, N.Y. in the late 1920's and early '30's, operates a barber shop in Syracuse, N.Y. He has 200 fistic photos adorning his shop. Armand is a member of VBA Ring #56 of Syracuse and was one of the honorees at that Ring's 1969 banquet.

Dan Frederick... the 89-year-old fan who has not missed a heavyweight title fight in the past 50 years, is ill in St. Claire's Hospital, Schenectady, N.Y.

Jack Dempsey was a guest at the election of officers of VBA Ring #8, New York, which saw another champion, Corporal Izzy Schwartz, chosen President.

VBA Ring #26... Schenectady, N.Y., will Host the 1970 National VBA Convention. The dates are Oct. 9-10-11 at the Thruway Hotel in Albany.

Al Miller... former prexy of the World Boxing Historians and now Chief Historian for the National VBA, lost his father, who was 73 years old.

Rocky Rossano... welter out of Brooklyn, from 1946-1950, is living in Ossining, N.Y. and is employed in the Officers' Quarters at West Point. Rocky, who is a member of VBA Ring #30, of Westchester County, says that Willie Beltram gave him his toughest fight. This comes as a surprise considering that Rocky was in with Chester Rico, Kid Gavilan, Bobby Ruffin, Ruby Kessler and Billy Graham.

VBA Ring #30... of Westchester County, made its annual trip to the Cardinal McCloskey Orphanage in White Plains, N.Y. loaded with toys and gifts. Bobby Brandt, Joe Hernon and Eddie Desmond made the trip with me.

VBA Ring #32... Detroit, held its election of officers and came up with this slate: President, Lou Handler; First V.P., Tom Briscoe; 2nd V.P., Ken Offet; Treasurer, Jim Cullen and Sam "Sue" Gurwin as Secretary.

Ring #30 of Westchester recently made a donation of $100 to Chico Vejar for Cerebral Palsy. Ring #30 prexy Danny Sabia made the presentation.

VBA Ring #8... New York, held its annual banquet at the Grand Street Boys. Honored guests were Phil Rutha, Larry Ritchie, Ray Kozak, Mickey Katz and George Cohen. Among the celebs were Johnny Colan, Herbie Kronowitz, Phil Terranova, Steve Belloise, Danny Sabia, Dr. Irv Thorne, Paul Berlenbach, Duke Stefano, Babe Orlando, Irv Silverman, Tony Manna, Bob Brandt, Kenny Sheahan, Johnny Holmes, Ben Jeby, Corp. Izzy Schwarz, Johnny Green, George Rugg, Nat Lehrer, Lenny Raemer, Joe Nudelman, K.O. Phil Kaplan, Young McGowan, Allie Zack, Bobby Gleason, Sam Silverman, Leo Tartakow, Artie Levine, Petey Scalzo, Charlie Spina, Chester Rico. Speakers were Sam Taub and Harry Hershfield, while Johnny Addie handled the M.C. chores.

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KASPER BEATS RICCITELLI ● FOR NEW ENGLAND TITLE ●

By Don Hamill

Portland, Me.—Paul Kasper, fighting out of Portland, is top man in New England following his regaining the New England light heavyweight title by a decision over Pete Riccitelli. Paul then stopped Riccitelli's recent conqueror, Joe Jones. Kasper has shown a tremendous improvement since he changed managers.

▶Leo DiFiore, 130, Portland, back home after four bouts in California, showed little of the fire that made him an attraction prior to the Safari. Artie Jones, 138, Montreal, a last minute substitute, whipped Leo. DiFiore was on the floor in the third round and again in the fourth and was hurt in several other rounds.

Yvon Duhamel, 174, Montreal, scored two knockdowns in the third round to land a knockout over a badly battered Rocky Salerno, 185, Worcester, in the third of the semi-final. Salerno had boxed under the name of Angelo Andino.

Curtis McClendon, 150, Portland, beat substitute, Gene Roberts, 155, in a six-round bout. Al DeJarnette, 140, Worcester, outfought Larry Estabrook, 143, Portland, in four.

Kasper, 173½, gave Riccitelli, 172, a thorough trouncing. Kasper handed Riccitelli a bad beating in the early going and then stayed back and waited for Riccitelli to come within range. When he did Kasper hurt him with solid punches. Riccitelli was down in the eighth round. In the tenth Pete came out winging in an effort to turn the tide but ended up the fight and the round on rubber pins.

Roy (Buttercup) Williams, 148, Allentown, Pa., and Arnold Sparks, 151, Montreal, staged a listless draw in the eight round semi-final. Jesse Crown, 210, Portland, met Eddie McFadden, 186, Allentown, with a left hook to put him down and out in only 29 seconds of the first round. Eddie Wilson, 152, Montreal, edged out a four-round split decision over Larry Estabrook, 147, Portland.

Irish Jimmy McDermott, 172, Holyoke, Mass., unloaded one of his bombs on heavyweight Lennart Couture, 193, Quebec City, Can., to score a third round knockout. Couture shook up McDermott in the second round before being felled himself. Couture arose to shake McDermott. A left hook buried deep into Couture's midsection in the third round stretched him on the canvas for the full count.

Terry Rondeau, 126, Pittsfield, scored two first round knockdowns and then proceeded to punch out a unanimous ten round decision over veteran Bobby Singleton, 121, Philadelphia. Tommy Foss, 167, Portland, appeared on his way to victory until he was tagged with a right to the jaw by Yvon Duhamel, 173, Montreal, who stopped him in the second round. Skip Yeaton, 161, Belfast, scored three knockdowns in bombing Gerald Bombardier, 153, Montreal, in the second round.

▶**Worcester**—Raphael Acevedo, 141, Dominican, scored an upset in stopping Johnny Harp, 144, New York, in the sixth round of what was Harp's New England debut. Harp, originally from Syracuse, was an Olympic representative and is now a protégé of Emile Griffith. The sharp punching Acevedo continually beat Harp to the punch and was ahead on points when a chopping right opened a severe cut over Harp's left eye in the fifth round. Harp was unable to come out for the sixth round.

Fred Bright, 175, New York, won on a TKO over Rocky Salerno, 192, Worcester, when the latter was unable to come out for the third round. Radames Cabrera, 157, Now York, iced Ernie Dew, 148, Worcester, in the second round of a sixer. Bruno Scholz, 173, Bridgewater, repeated a previous one round knockout over Al Way, 165, Worcester, to pick up an easy win.

▶**Portland**—Kasper, 177, scored three knockdowns in the second round to win by an automatic TKO over Joe Jones, 175, Philadelphia. The pair had been on the floor earlier in the session, as they wrestled to the floor.

Larry Butler, 147½, Portland, Fighter of the Year in New England, had to come off the floor in the third round and take the last two rounds to eke out a ten round split decision over veteran Jose Myers, 144, Chester, Pa.

Leo DiFiore, 129, Portland, won by a TKO in the fourth round when Frankie Vega, 126, Hartford, suddenly quit after having won the first three rounds easily. Vega's purse was withheld pending a hearing.

MANRIQUE REPEATS VICTORY OVER MANALANG IN HAWAII ●

By Ted Yamachika

Honolulu, Hawaii—Mario Manrique, 121¼, Mexico, scored a TKO win over Domi Manalang, 121¾, Philippines, in the 10th round. This was a repeat for the unheralded Mexican fighter, who had won in the same round and in the same manner several months earlier.

In another scheduled tenner, Al Ford, 135, Canada, disposed of Jose Luis Castillo, 137, Mexico, in the second round with a right to the jaw.

The fight drew 3,550 fans and grossed $16,993.

Filifili Aliasa, 165, Honolulu, beat Mooreday Adigun, 163¼, Los Angeles. six rounds. Yoshiki Suda, 123, Japan, and Memo Guerrero, 123, Mexico, fought five to a draw.

Masakazu Taninobu, 166, Japan, decisioned Marijon Kolar, 166, Los Angeles, four rounds. Bob Mielke, 137¼, Honolulu, TKOd Jose Martinez, 133½, Mexico, in the fourth.

▶Adolph Pruitt, 141, Los Angeles, kept his Honolulu win streak intact by outpointing Genero Soto, 139, New York, in a 10. It was a mismatch. Pruitt wasn't exactly at his peak but he had no difficulty outpunching Soto.

Soto absorbed the best of Pruitt's punches without blinking an eye. But he couldn't hit worth a lick.

The companion tenner was stopped in the seventh with a TKO for Bernabe Fernandez, 123, Philippines, over Isamu Nitta, 121¾, Japan. Referee Wilbert Minn stopped hostilities when Nitta's left jaw started swelling. The fight was just about even at the time of the stoppage.

The gross receipts amounted to $22,437.00 and the crowd, 4434.

Kojiro Koshikawa, 113½, Japan, TKOd Rene Boy, 113½, Philippines, in the second. Walter Charles, 138, Los Angeles, beat Lorenzo Diaz, 140, Mexico, six rounds. Yoshiki Suda, 122¼, Japan, and Cruz Perez, 121, Mexico, fought four rounds to a draw.

▶Professional boxing in Hawaii enjoyed one of its biggest years in 1969. Gross receipts for the year for 35 fight cards topped $800,000.

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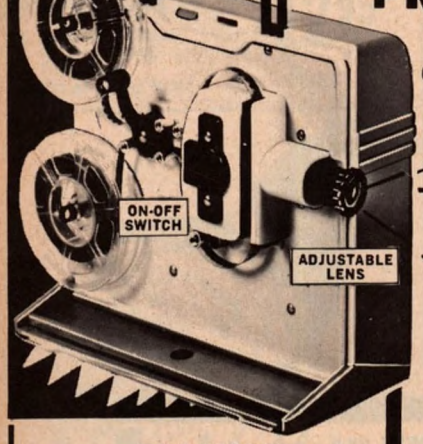

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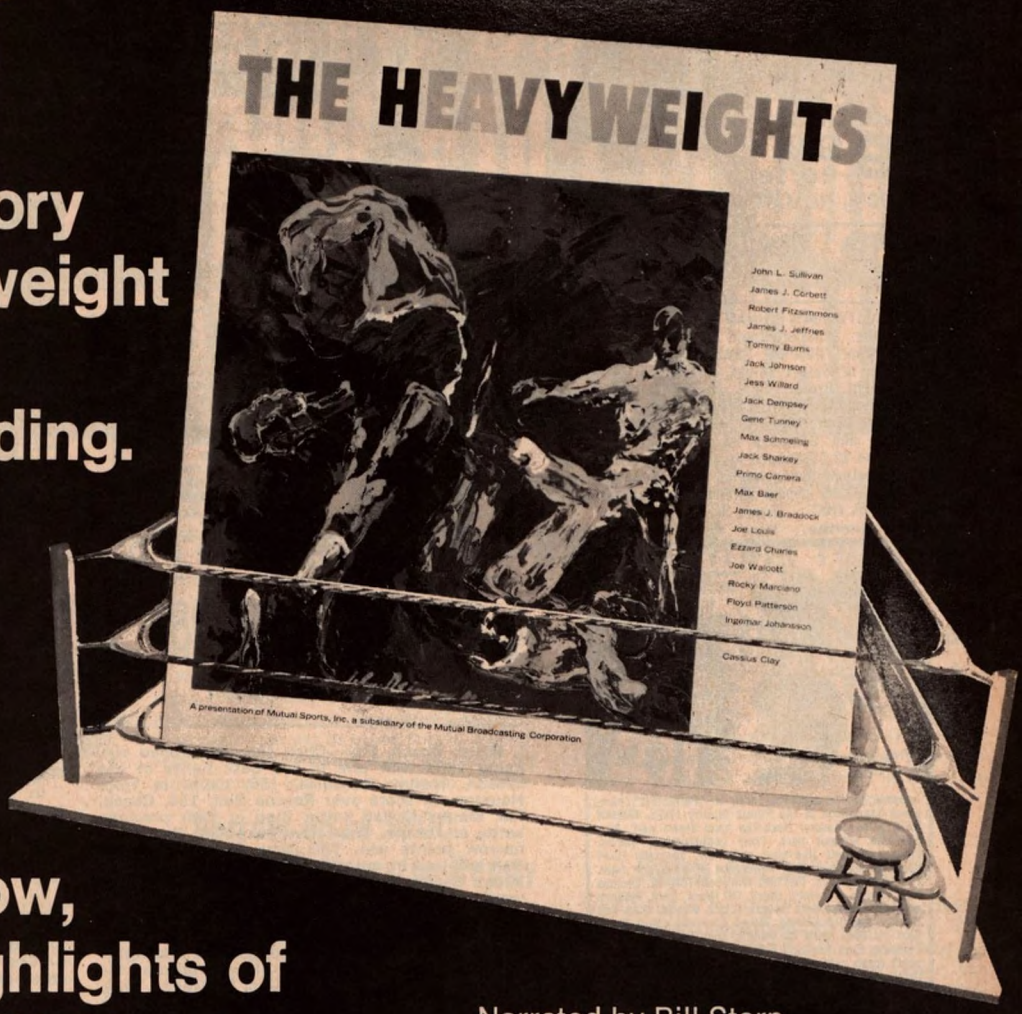

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GONZALES BATTERS BELL, REFEREE ACTS IN 8TH

By Hank Kaplan

Miami Beach, Fla.—Chris Dundee capped outgoing 1969 with one of his best fights of the season. Manny Gonzales, 150, came in from Houston, to score over Roscoe Bell, 154, Cocoa, Fla. Manny looked better than in their previous setto, in Tampa. That time he pulled through a narrow points win. This time Manny rendered Bell helpless in round 8 before 2,862 fans at the Miami Beach Auditorium, to force referee's intervention.

Gonzales, was cut over the left eye and had no easy time with Bell. Roscoe caught the high ranked Gonzales with long range lefts and rights but Manny stood up under it all and returned the same medicine plus. In round 8, Manny staggered Bell, then followed with a sharp attack which halted the fight. Neither fighter scored a knockdown.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final, Dick Stevens, 186, Miami, stopped Larry McGee, Los Angeles, 185, in the fourth round. McGee appeared to be in command of the action but appeared to be troubled by an injured right hand.

In a four-rounder, Frankie Otero, 130½, Miami-Dade Junior College student, back in action again, knocked out Winston Green, 134, Jacksonville, in the fourth.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Richie Ingraham, 181, Miami, outpointed Charley Clark, 184, Miami.

Bobby Weismann, 159, Miami, making his third pro appearance, scored a knockout over Al Ingraham, 149, Melbourne, in the first round.

In another scheduled four-rounder, Tommy Torino, 160¼, Hollywood, Florida, disposed of Troy Johnson, 151, Melbourne, in the second round. Tommy is a student at Broward Junior College.

Eddie Bailey, 175, Miami, and Joe Gholston, Melbourne, drew while in the last four-rounder, Frank Hollowwell, 131½, Miami, beat Andre Guevera, 136, Miami, on points in a good contest.

▶"King" David Hamm, 134, Tampa, is reputed to have rolled up a 93-4-0 record as an Army fighter but this could not be equated with the pro experience of Baby Luis, 135½, now boxing out of Miami, who copped a unanimous decision over ten rounds at the Auditorium.

Hamm, with only about 7 pro bouts behind him, including victories over a couple of Miami's better boxers, Eddie Linder and Roscoe Bell, scored the only knockdown of the bout, in the sixth round. Baby Luis attacked inside, with Hamm trying to fight at long range. Luis, winning his sixth straight in the U. S., was a poor target.

Jerry Evans, 183, Miami, produced a fifth round TKO over Lacey Hydra, 195, Tampa, after having the West Coast boy on the deck on 7 different occasions.

In a six-round contest, Tommy Torino, 160, Hollywood, Florida, looking better with each outing, knocked out Cliff Johnson, 153, Fort Lauderdale, in the third round.

In a six-round bout, Herman "Scatterhawk" Dixon, 164, Miami, earned a decision over southpaw Ernie Burns, 167, Miami. Scatterhawk, an unorthodox but deadly puncher, has been responsible for a couple of the most sensational upsets yet recorded in Florida.

Buddy Taylor, 145, Nassau, took a points win over Ike Hooks, Philadelphia, 138. Taylor, in six, proved too strong for Hooks.

A four-round bout saw Doug Rogers, 159, Miami, continue on his winning ways as he knocked out Roy (Cappie) Childs, 158½, Miami.

▶In a show featuring three 8-round bouts at the Fort Hesterly Arena, in Tampa, Hector McBride, 127, claiming the Florida featherweight championship, captured a narrow points win over Jay Silver, 133½, New Orleans, in a bout which was virtually a repeat of their contest a month ago. Silver, a wild-swinging performer, tired early and was bleeding from the nose in the late rounds. Judges Bob Diaz, Floyd Golden and Sam Klein judged the fight 79-74, 79-77, and 78-76 respectively, for McBride, who is undefeated as a pro with a 6-0-0 record.

In a second 8-round bout, Tony Licata, 149½, New Orleans, won his seventh straight without a loss as he outpunched Robert "Songbird" Williams, 149, Memphis. The judges saw Licata a winner in every round as they judged in his favor 80-72, 80-73 and 80-72.

A third 8-round bout saw Joe "King" Roman, 195, gain a fourth round TKO over George "Moonport" Holden, 190. Roman put Holden on the deck twice in the fourth, then hollered "foul" as the referee recognized Roman the winner. This was Roman's fifth straight victory via knockout in a 27-6-1 record.

Tony Gardner, 158, Memphis, scored a split decision win over Yankee Brown, 164, Melbourne, in four rounds.

Another scheduled four-rounder found Jesse Waller yielding to Willie McBride, brother of Hector, 156, Tampa. Waller's sight was impaired in round 2.

▶**Coconut Grove, Fla.**—In the second promotional venture by George McLain, local sportsman, at the Dinner Key Auditorium, Florentino Fernandez, in his second comeback try, was used as a magnet. Not that any show needed to be baited when Fernandez served as one of the principals but this was a cool night and Miamians usually enter the quiescent stage when the mercury registers around the 50 mark.

In an excellent main event which went ten rounds Fernandez and Joey Aska, 167, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, battled to a controversial draw. Partisan Miami fans thought Fernandez, 166, was a shade ahead at the end with newly introduced Aska making a hit for a surprise showing.

In another scheduled ten-rounder, Joe Moss, Homestead, Fla., 165, came out a 6th round TKO winner as Teddy Murray, 167, Melbourne, was unable to come out for the bell sounding round 6. This was their third bout in recent months. Moss has won two out of three.

In a third ten-rounder, Gene Idellette, 186, Melbourne, outpointed George "Moonport" Holden, 188, Melbourne, as Idellette demonstrated he was too clever for the former amateur champion. Idellette had been out of the ring for many months but proved he still has plenty of ring savvy.

In a scheduled six-round bout, Otis Dee, Miami schoolteacher, 194, taught Charles Clark, 182, Miami, a lesson as he stowed his opponent away in two rounds.

▶Jimmy Sullivan, a popular welterweight in the early days of Miami boxing, and later Sheriff of Miami, died after a short illness. Jimmy was handled by Ben "Evil Eye" Finkel during his heyday as a boxer. He was a policeman before gaining the Sheriff's job.

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By Ronnie "Burns" Bouse

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THE GLORY THAT WAS NEWARK

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stand until the 8th and final round when he was stopped with only 40 seconds to go.

Through the years that Mackey, Black, Kline and Blaufuss functioned, just about everybody who was anybody in boxing appeared in the big drillshed. It was there that Harry Wills established himself as heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey's leading rival by demolishing Fred Fulton in three rounds.

Other headliners who fought there included such champions and title contenders as Pete Herman, Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Dundee, Benny Valgar, Johnny Wilson, Young Stribling, Mike McTigue, Gene Tunney, Soldier Bartfield, Jack Britton, Charley Weinert and Floyd Johnson.

When the Mackey-Black-Kline-Blaufuss team ceased operations in the Armory, another combination, headed by Babe Culnan and dubbed by the late Francis Albertanti as the "Four Horsemen of the Applesauce," took over and continued big-time promotions there. Meanwhile, the 8-round limit had been advanced to 12, with decisions permitted.

One of their ventures showed the Argentine giant, Luis Angel Firpo, in his last appearance in a U.S. ring. He was soundly thrashed by Charley Weinert.

Those two Elizabeth welterweight rivals, Mickey Walker and Georgie Ward, tangled twice in the Armory.

The last important bout staged in the big drillshed produced a decision for Kid Gavilan over Vince Martinez on February 26, 1951.

The final fight program presented in the Armory was promoted by Willie Gilzenberg for the Springfield Avenue Merchants following the Newark riots of 1967. The card was topped by Lloyd Marshall, popular local lightweight, who outpointed the Puerto Rican, Genaro Soto. The date was May 13, 1968.

With the general decline of boxing activity in the community, Gilzenberg devoted most of his attention to wrestling, and he used the Armory for a series of mat carnivals.

When the building was completed in 1899, at an expense of $262,531, no one envisioned its tremendous impact on the community and its adjacent precincts. As a sports center, it became one of the busiest in the nation, not only with boxing and wrestling, but track-and-field meets and basketball tournaments. It also housed dances, an industrial exhibition, automobile expositions and military reviews. During the Newark riots of 1967, when local jails were overcrowded, the Armory was put to use for makeshift courts and a temporary jail.

It was announced by the State Civil Defense Department that the building was costing $40,000 per year and returning only $1,000 annually. Its finish was inevitable.

So, now the Armory is no more, but it did leave much to be remembered by.

THE CHATTER BOX

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businessman in Guadajalara, Mexico. He owns a restaurant in Mexico City, and much real estate. Raton also assists the government in young activities . . . Billy Colbert, a Texas middleweight in the Forties, is now employed as a route salesman for Piel's Brewery . . . English promoter Laurie Lewis brought his World Sporting Club to the U.S. He is now operating out of the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Matchmaker Mickey Davies is assisting him in this venture, which they hope to expand across the U.S. . . . Lackawanna VBA elected Sonny Genell as its new president. Other officers named are: Tom Joseph, V.P., Al Jackson, Secretary, Dom Perella, Treasurer, Vince Murphy, Sgt. at Arms, and the Rev. Thomas Tracy, chaplain . . . Bob Capocy, who boxed under the name of Tony Musto in Chicago 30 years ago, is now promoting in El Paso, Texas . . . Los Angeles fight promoter George Parnassus has moved his headquarters to the Los Angeles Elks Club. George's old haunt was the Alexandria Hotel . . . Heavyweight George Foreman states he was only floored twice in his career, both in amateur contests, by Washington, D.C.'s Bobo Renfro, and by Bob Winters of San Francisco . . . The Playboy Club of Boston is sponsoring local light heavyweight Bruno Scholz . . . Lightweight Victor Melendez is on the shelf due to a broken hand . . . Cassius Clay has decided to move to the City of Brotherly Love. He has just purchased a $92,000 home in the Overbrook section of Philly with swimming pool . . . Former light heavyweight and middleweight king Dick Tiger is still in a state of shock over the surrender of Biafra. Rumor has it that Dick's immediate family is now in the United States . . . Ex-middleweight champion Ray Robinson is touring the country in behalf of his "Sugar Ray Youth Foundation," a non-profit organization which will soon begin a pilot program within the State of California . . . Harry Kabakoff is now promoting in San Antonio, Texas. He is also an adviser to lightweight Raul Rojas . . . A good-looking boxer with a wife and kids is really living it up with the cuties. He recently got into a brawl which did not make any of the wire services. Next time he may not be so lucky . . . Former middle and welterweight king Carmen Basilio is now in the Italian Brand sausage business in Canastota, New York.

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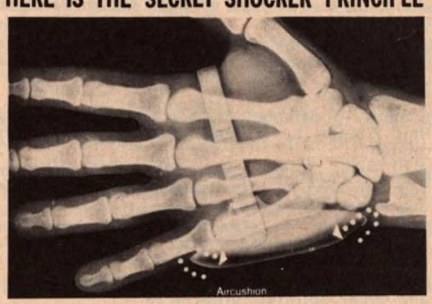

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NEW YORK'S MONTH THAT WAS

By Jersey Jones

Chuck Wepner, Bayonne heavyweight, who seemed to have become something of a fixture on Madison Square Garden and its Felt Forum cards, made another appearance on the final program of 1969. He topped a Forum bill with Pedro Agosta, of Puerto Rico. The bout, over 10 rounds, was pretty much a mauling affair, with Wepner's awkward aggressiveness and advantages in height and weight (6-5 and 215½ to his opponent's 5-11 and 196) proving the main factors in Chuck's triumph.

It was the Jerseyan's seventh appearance on Garden and Forum cards, and his first since Olympic champion George Foreman demolished him four months previously. Wepner, usually susceptible to facial lacerations, was fortunate this time. The only damage to his features was a slight nick over his left eye, sustained in the opening session, but it didn't worsen and was no handicap.

A pair of eights, preceding the main event, produced some lively action, with a pair of Puerto Ricans surviving knockdowns to win. In the semi-final, Jose Nieves, 134½, returned to action after a seven-month layoff following a hernia operation, and outlasted Winston Noel, 136, Trinidad. Nieves was down twice, in the fifth and seventh rounds, but otherwise was in complete control.

The other Puerto Rican who had to shake off a knockdown and go on to win was Benny Huertas, 139. He was dropped in the second but dumped his rival, Dino Del Cid, 139½, Panama, in the sixth and won convincingly.

Jose Rodriguez, 146, gave Puerto Rico another winner when he pounded out a decision over Gabe Bowens, 148, Bronx, in the opening four.

Official statistics had 1,421 customers contributing $6,548.29 to the box office.

▶ The Felt Forum, scene of the Garden's closing show of 1969, also ushered in the 1970 schedule, with Puerto Ricans again dominating the card.

Although only listed as a preliminary six, the outstanding performance was delivered by David Vasquez, 121½, former Golden Gloves ace, who registered his second win as a professional by polishing off Lloyd Wilson, 124, Bronx, at 1:35 of the third. Vasquez packed too much of everything for his opponent. He had Wilson down in the first and twice in the third when referee Tony Pelez called a halt.

In the main eight, Bobby Melendez, 140, survived a gash that streamed blood down his face in the last two rounds to beat Puerto Rican rival, Benny Huertas, 139½. The cut was opened, apparently by a butt, in the opening frame. The bleeding was stopped until the seventh when the gash was reopened.

In two other eights, the transplanted Scot, Danny McAloon, 155, returned to action after a year's absence, to outfight Julio Novoa, 155, Puerto Rico, and Roland Trotman, 135½, Bronx, decisioned Bill Whittenburg, 138, Huntington, W. Va.

In the curtain-raising four, another all Puerto Rican squabble, promising Jesus Gomez, 124, won from Eddie Rivera, 135½.

Undaunted by freezing weather and the threat of snow, 1,408 customers paid $5,364.50 to sit in on the action.

▶ Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum, which seems to specialize in Latin-American conventions, came up with another one, with five Puerto Ricans, one Trinidadian and one Costa Rican on a card of five bouts.

The main event, scheduled for eight rounds, was called off at the end of the sixth because of an ugly gash over the right eye of Tom Bethea, 160, West Side. The winner was Carlos Mark, 160, Trinidad, who filled in on short notice for Juarez DeLima, who was detained in his native Brazil by immigration authorities. Mark ripped Bethea's right eyebrow in the fifth, but Commission physician Dr. Edwin Campbell checked it at the end of the round and permitted the bout to continue. When the cut worsened in the sixth, the medico signalled a halt to hostilities.

Making his first appearance in these parts, Jose Isaac Marin, 136, Costa Rica, was beaten in eight by Bobby Lee, 135, Washington, D.C.

In a pair of sixes, Ray Hernandez, 166, Puerto Rico, outfought a rival islander, Willie Rivera, 159, and Otha Tyson, 139¾, Paterson, N.J., floored Carlos Soto, 134¾, twice in the first round, again in the second, and Referee Georgie Coyle stopped the affair at 2:31. In the opening four, an all-Puerto Rican pairing, Radames Cabrera, 151, outpointed Angel Ortiz, 151.

The poorest turnout yet reported by the Forum put the paid attendance at 976 and the gate receipts at $3,786.41.

▶ The winning streak of Irish Pat Murphy, 148½, West New York, N.J., which had reached 25, was rudely shattered by the Italian-born Canadian Donato Paduano, 150, Montreal, in the top ten of a triple windup in Madison Square Garden.

Paduano, with a winning skein of his own (17), and the finest ring mechanic to represent Canada since the late Johnny Greco was functioning in the '30s and '40s, won decisively. Too fast, clever and industrious, he gave young Murphy a thorough boxing lesson, and only his lack of a knockout punch saved Irish Pat from more decisive defeat. The composite score of the three officials credited Paduano with winning a total of 28 rounds of a possible 30.

The other two scheduled tens showed heavyweights. In one of them, the 1968 Olympic champion, George Foreman, 214, Tex., and Hayward, Cal., stretched his professional string of triumphs to 15 with his 13th KO. After dropping Jack O'Halloran, 235, Boston, in the fourth, he finished him at 1:10 of the fifth.

In the other heavyweight melee, Chuck Wepner, 215, Bayonne, N.J., survived a damaged right hand and an ugly gash over his left eye (15 stitches were later needed to patch the damage) to whip Manuel Ramos, 215, Mexico. Wepner's features were a bloody mess in the final two rounds.

A pair of Puerto Ricans opened the evening's program, Edwin Virust, 131, outpointing Eddie Rivera, 130, in four.

Of the turnout of 8,138, the paying customers numbered 8,002, with the box-office reporting receipts of $58,864.50.

▶ **FAMILY AFFAIRS** . . . Billy Mitchell, who was 79 when counted out in his native Milwaukee, was one manager who made a success of handling boxing brothers. Billy's charges were Richie, top-rated lightweight of half-century ago, and Pinkey, recognized during the mid-'20s as the first junior welterweight champion . . . Billy's success was outdone by only one other manager we can recall—Sam Wallach, of New York's lower East Side, who did well with FOUR brothers, who functioned with the nom de ring of "Cross"—Leach, Phil, Oave and Marty, although none ever succeeded in scaling championship heights.

RINGO LOSES TO PAEZ ON FOUL; HOUSE NEAR $370,000

By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

Buenos Aires, Argentina—The big fight of recent contention resulted in a surprise defeat for Oscar Bonavena. He lost by disqualification against Miguel Angel Paez in the seventh round. Ringo was chased for hitting low.

The result made local fans disgruntled, as they expected a KO against Paez.

The Luna Park arena was packed and the gross take came to 12,657,000 pesos. This is close to $370,000 American, worthy of a title fight in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Bonavena's friends cabled to The Ring as to what the disqualification would mean in the ratings. The Ring kept Ringo fifth among the Top Ten.

▶ **Resistencia** — In the junior lightweight class Julio Campagna and Balbidio Ojeda drew in 10.

▶ **Buenos Aires**—In the junior middleweight Raul O. Pereyra beat Ricardo Veron on points in 10.

▶ **Tres Arroyos** — Welter Carlos Gimenez outpointed Raul Sosa in 10.

▶ **Santiago del Estero**—Lightweights Emilio Garcia and Hugo Fernandez drew in 10.

▶ **Vicuña Mackena**—Lightweight Francisco Lopez kayoed Antonio Belinzona in five.

▶ **Buenos Aires**—In the welter class, undefeated Horacio Saldaño outpointed Abel Cachazu in 10.

▶ **Carmen de Patagones**—Featherweight national champion Jose Smecca whipped Adacyr Ferreyra, Brasil, in 10 rounds.

▶ **Famailla**—Junior welter Carlos Peralta stopped Francisco Fernandez, TKO, in fourth. In the same class Oscar Muñoz whipped Antonio "Bibila" Acosta in 10.

▶ **Salta**—Undefeated feather Oscar Tapia beat Raul Chaille by a disqualification in seventh round.

▶ **La Rioja**—In the junior middle class Antenor Santillan beat Roberto Carabajal by disqualification in seventh round.

▶ **Resistencia** — Argentine bantam champion Hugo Bidyeran whipped Jorge "Ranchito" Acosta in 10 rounds.

▶ **Buenos Aires**—Junior welters Adam Gomez and Omar Gottifredi drew in 10.

▶ **Buenos Aires**—Undefeated feather Miguel Garcia stopped Carlos Ponce, TKO, in six.

▶ **Mar del Plata**—Argentine and South American light heavy champion Avenamar Peralta whipped Angel Coria in 10. (Non-title bout.)

▶ **Santa Fe**—Argentine bantam champion Hugo Bidyeran whipped Santiago Barzola in 10. (Non-title bout.)

▶ **Buenos Aires** — Welters Tito Del Barco and Juan "Yanny" Garcia, drew in 10.

▶ **Lomas de Zamora**—Lightweight Vicente Holgado outpointed Juan C. Camacho in 6 rounds.

▶ **Santa Rosa**—In the junior welter division Luis H. Cabral KO'd Bernabe Galarte, TKO, in nine.

▶ **Mar del Plata** — Angel Coria kayoed Gabino Bay in 10. Light heavy class.

▶ **Mendoza** — South American welter champion Ramón La Cruz beat Jose Sosa by a disqualification in 10. Undefeated feather Miguel Garcia won by a TKO in six over Eduardo Etcheverry. Undefeated lightweight Pedro Aguero outpointed Isabelino Basualdo in 10.

▶ **Cordoba** — In the junior welter class Pedro Coria stopped Angel Roman, TKO, in seventh round.

▶ **Bahia Blanca**—Jovel Fuentes whipped Santos Silisque in 10. They are lightweights.

▶ **Parana** — In the welter class Everaldo Costa Azevedo beat Raul Sosa by points in 10. Argentine junior middle champion Ramón Pereyra whipped Leonardo Peralta in 10. (Non-title bout.)

▶ **San Juan**—Undefeated lightweight Raúl Venerdini beat Hector Morales in 10.

▶ **Junin** — Undefeated Jose Barrera beat Osmar Pedrozo, TKO, in fourth. They are welters.

KIRKMAN BACK IN RING, TAKES CARE OF EASTLING

By Paulie Cook

Seattle, Wash.—"Boom Boom" Kirkman, with only the press attending, proved that his shoulder had recovered. Kirkman, who had been out of action for almost two years because of a broken collar bone, showed that he is fit again as he handed Aaron Eastling, St. Paul, a pasting.

The Ring Record Book shows that Eastling through 1969, had 17 victories, 3 losses, and 2 draws. He stands 6 feet, like Kirkman, and weighs 200, a couple pounds more than Kirkman, who has lost only one fight, to Doug Jones, on a cut eye. 'B'oom Boom" evened that score when he stopped Jones in his next encounter.

Jack Hurley figured Eastling had had enough after seven rounds and he had made his point. Eastling found himself on the deck a couple of times.

Eastling agrees that Kirkman is not a fast belter. He said Boone has to hit you only once. "The only heavyweight who hit me as hard was Blue Lewis, of Detroit, and he had to swing from center field to do it. Boone can do it from in close and tear your rib cage up in the process."

▶ Charlie "Sweet" Reno silenced the critics when he hammered out a unanimous decision over Dick Gosha, San Francisco, and Chicago. Reno, 245, 45 pounds more than his left handed opponent, showed the 2,021 fans who paid $11,178 that a fat man can take plenty and get off the deck to win a hard fought battle.

Reno worked on Gosha's body with thumping right hands at close quarters and kept a stiff left in Gosha's face most of the ten rounds. He got careless in the 4th when a right hand put him on the canvas. He had to hang on for the remainder of the round. Charlie took over the command again in the fifth.

Doug Rouse was knocked out by Chester Davis in the second round in a middleweight scrap. Doug is a brother of Rodger and it was his first pro fight.

Stan "Animal" Johnson was knocked out by John Griffen in another light heavyweight bout. John Griffen is handled by Dean Chance.

Manny Camay, Durango, Mexico, stopped Max Garcia, San Francisco, in the seventh round. Pat McMurtrey stopped this one because Garcia didn't seem to want to fight any more.

ANGOTT DINNER SUCCESS; OLD CHAMPION AILING

Massilon, Ohio—The testimonial dinner given by the Elks to Sammy Angott, former world lightweight champion, was a financial success. The gross receipts were $2,600.

Angott is suffering from extreme arthritis, and is confined to his home at 2808 Lincoln Way East here.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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SWITZERLAND

▶**Zurich**—Boxing took place in Zurich for the first time in years. British flyweight champion Johnny McClusky decisioned local boy Fritz Chervet in 10, before a crowd of 8,000. McClusky received 10,000 francs and Chervet 8,000, good payment for light boys in Europe.

BELGIUM

▶**Brussels** — Featherweight Ould Makloufi outscored Jimmy Bell in a 10 round contest.

FRANCE

▶**Paris** — Middleweight Jean Baptiste Rolland outpointed Gerard Thomas, 10. Lightweight. Roger Zami beat Jacky Bottier, TKO 4.

▶**Dunkirk** — Welterweight Guy Vercoutter outpointed Louis Driver, 10.

▶**Avignon**—Lightweight Baldassari Picone beat beat Tomas Castuera, KO 10.

▶**Romalnaville** — Featherweight Henri Nesi decisioned Salah Laroussi, 10.

▶**Montargis**—Bantamweight Claude Lapinte outpointed Wellington Vilella, 10.

▶**Beausoleil** — Featherweight Gianni Sanna outscored Hedi Achowu, 8.

▶**Le Havre** — Light heavyweight Pierre Begeot outpointed Yves Fenollar, 8.

▶**Marseilles** — Middleweight Victor Emmanuelo beat Jose Meconi, KO 1. Bantamweight Salah Abdesslem beat Antoine Porcel who was disqualified in the third.

▶**Toulouse** — Lightweight Paul Rourre drew 8 with Bernard Martin. Welterweight Marcel Cerdan decisioned Massino Consolati, 10.

▶**Villeneuve** — Featherweight Jean Paul Anton beat Ray Devlees, KO 2.

▶**Annecy** — Welterweight. Roger Menetrey beat Cecil Lewis KO 7. Bantamweight Robert Porcel beat Kid Miller who was disqualified in the fourth.

▶**Calais** — Gerard Macerz beat Kamara Diop, TKO 8 with the local flyweight title at stake. Featherweight Abdou Fakyh outscored Andre Jamet, 8.

▶**Cannes** — Lightweight Jesus Zarco outscored Paul Maclet, 10.

▶**St. Brieuc**—Pierre Minier became local light heavyweight champion with a decision over champion Bernard Quellier, 15.

▶**Paris**—Jean Pierre Schmitt decisioned Gilles Fincato, 10. Middleweight Jacques Kechichian outscored Jacky Ben Lachemi, 8.

▶**Blois**—Middleweight Fabio Bettini outpointed Gerard Breton, 10.

ITALY

▶**Rome** — Former middleweight champion of Europe, Carlos Duran, Italy, beat American, Eddie Pace, over ten rounds. Attendance, 4,000. The American should have received half the points and some even made him the winner. Home referee and judges made the local boy winner, one by 2 points and two by one point. The Milan 'Gazzetta dello Sport' Signor Franco Melli, made the American winner by two points.

Super welterweight Enzo Petriglia beat Leon Faviano, Philippines, KO 1. Middleweight Mario Lamagna drew in 8 with Nicola Menchi. Welterweight Gianni Zampieri outscored Miloud N'Diaye 8.

▶**Udine**—Local featherweight champion, Giovanni Girgenti, decisioned Ugo Poli in 12 to retain his crown.

▶**Milan** — Welterweight Garibaldi Pereyra beat Ermanno Fasoli, KO 9. Heavyweight, Armando Zanini beat Peter Schltze, 8.

▶**Taurianova** — Italian Franco Zurlo won Salvatore Burreini's vacated European bantamweight crown outpointing Spaniard Ben Ali (34) over 15 rounds. Zurlo scaled 118 and Ben Ali 116.

Up to round eight there was little action but plenty of clinching and holding. Ali was strong in frames 10 and 11 but then slowed down. Zurlo put in a brilliant final round with blows to the stomach and head which brought the fans to their feet.

▶**Bologna**—Italian heavyweight champion Dante Cane stopped American Babe Davis, KO 2, before 4,000. A left to the chin decked the visitor and he did not recover for more than a minute.

▶**Turin** — Welterweight Bruno Arcari beat Kid Rainbow, TKO 2. Heavyweight Mario Baruzzi beat Jose Menno, TKO 6. Middleweight Ahcene Saifi beat Antonio Sassarini, TKO 3.

SPAIN

▶**Barcelona** — Lightweight Jonathan Dele decisioned Giuseppe Amante, 8. Featherweight Valentin Loren outscored Antonio Moggia, 8.

▶**Madrid**—Welterweight Carlos San Jose II, outpointed Gonzalez, 8. Light heavyweight Quintana Trujillo beat Martin Paraaga, TKO 2. Middleweight Pablo Sanchez and Jose Antonio Galvez fought an eight round draw.

▶Twenty-four-year-old Jean Claude Bouttier, France, with no defeats against Europeans, will go to America. He will box in Madison Square Garden.

Marcel Cerdan, Jr., will also visit the USA with his manager, Filippi, for a period of three months.

Cerdan will have three bouts and one could be with Donato Paduano of Montreal.

▶Yugoslavia has made application to join the WBC. Since Yvan Prebeg took over the European light heavyweight crown the country has become a member of the EBU, associated with the WBC.

European welterweight champion Johann Orsolics has married Evelyne Pelikan.

▶Bernard Dadu, Nigeria, lost to Spaniard San Jose II in Barcelona and died the following morning, in hospital.

▶Naples newspaper, Sud Sport, collected 184 votes from journalists for the World's best Sportsman, 1969, and came up with Nino Benvenuti and football star Pelé.

Piero Tomasoni, Italy, is still out of action with his left hand in a cast as a result of his broken finger.

▶Miguel Velasquez, Spain, had to call off his bout with Ken Buchannan, Scotland, for Pedro Carrasco's vacated European lightweight crown. Velasquez had the flu.

HOLLEY MIMS, 40, DIES

A highly rated middleweight during the '40s and '50s, Holley Mims, 40, was counted out recently in a Washington, D.C., hospital. A kidney ailment was responsible.

Mims, whose ring career spanned from 1948 to 1956, engaged in a total of nearly 100 bouts, and numbered among his opponents such headliners as Ray Robinson, Johnny Bratton, Terry Moore, Rocky Castellani, Spider Webb, Dick Tiger, Joey Giardello, Emile Griffith and Jimmy Ellis.

His most notable performance was in 1951 when he hooked up with Robinson, newly crowned world middleweight champion, in Miami. Robinson won, but was hard pressed all the way to take a 10-round decision in a non-title bout.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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Frank Taberner, Blackpool, 117¼, and John Mitchell, Kirkaldy, 119, put up a grand scrap in a bantamweight six. The decision went to Taberner with nobbins for both.

Hugh Clark, Battersea, 140, stopped Brian Bolton, Manchester, 140, in the third.

Dave Burland, Preston, 162, stopped Ralph Knight, Leicester, 161, in the first round.

▶Three of Britain's old timers are dead. Charlie Woodman of the fighting Woodmans went at the age of 72.

"Nutty" Williams one of the most wanted corner men before World War One, passed on at the age of 86.

Another flu victim was Austin O'Connor, of Leicester, lightweight around 1924, and later a referee, died at the age of 65.

▶**World Sporting Club, London**—Dan McAlinden,, Coventry based Irishman, 6 ft. 2 ins. and scaling 202¾, added French title challenger, Henri Ferjule, Martinique born, to his list. Henri was forced to take the full count at 1:54 of the second round.

The 22-year-old Irishman chased the Frenchman from the first bell.

As soon as the second round started, McAlinden darted out of his corner and throwing left hooks and rights to the head and body, soon had Ferjule covering up. Coming out of a clinch, Dan shot a left hook to the body and followed with a right to the head that decked his opponent in his own corner, where referee Harry Gibbs counted him out.

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Charlie White, Northampton, 203, outpointed Dennis Avoth, Cardiff, 196, in an eight.

Brian Jewett, Newcastle, 181, and Paul Cassidy, Bournemouth, 180½, provided a six round southpaw battle which ended with a win for Jewett.

A hilarious six round interlude was between John Hopkins, Hull, 258, and Brial Hall, Bexleyheath, 194, who provided the fun for six rounds, with the decision going to Hall.

▶**National Sporting Club, London**—Lloyd Walford, Chesterfield, 173½, had all the physical advantages over Roy John, Pontypridd, 170¾, and gained the points decision at the end of eight rounds that had referee Harry Humphries hoarse calling "break."

Young Silky, Leeds, 128½, was awarded the decision against Willie Reilly, Wembley, 128¼, when Willie got a cut eye from a clash of heads in the fourth.

Freddie Williams, Nuneaton, 133½, outpointed Tei Dovie, Ghana, 133¼, in a six.

Maurice Thomas, Bradford, 162, stopped Bill Deasey, Oxford, 160, in the fifth.

▶**Shoreditch**—Brian Hudson, Woodford, Southern Area lightweight champion, beat Colin Lake, Holloway, who was forced to retire at the end of the seventh with a cut eye.

Peter Cragg, Letchworth, 149¾, narrowly outpointed Lloyd Duncan, West Ham, 152¾, in a closely fought eight. The bout ended with Duncan on the canvas for a count of three as the bell sounded.

Dave Hawkes, Farnham, 178, outpointed George Dulaire, Canning Town, 187 , in eight.

Mickey Oates, Walthamstow, 131¾, stopped Mel Jones, Wales, 134, in the second. Cut eye.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 171½, outpointed Tim Domar, West Indies, 174½, in six.

▶**Dunstable**—Cliff Field, Dunstable, 201, has become a boon for the local promoter with his KO victories. The fomer Navy champion, added Jack Cotes, Derby, to his list with a second round win. A left hook followed by a right to the jaw sent Cotes down, to be counted out by referee Benny Caplan.

John Mitchell, Kirkaldy, Scotland, 118¼, outpointed Mickey Lynch, Loughborough, 120, in six to receive referee Mark Hart's decision.

Sammy Vernon, Belfast, 121½, was too good for Al Hutcheon, Glasgow, 121¼, in six.

Brian Whelan, Luton, 144, outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, 144, in sixth.

Mel Jones, Wales, 133¾, outpointed Joe Cascales, Newport Pagnell, 131, in a six.

▶**Manchester** — Frank Young, Belfast, 148½, narrowly outpointed Les Pearson, Hemsworth, 147¾, in a hotly disputed eight. The decision of referee Billy Simpson met with derision, and matchmaker Nat Basso rematched them.

Frank Tabener, Blackpool, 118¼, was awarded the decision over John Mitchell, Kirkaldy, 117½, at the end of a six.

Dave Moore, Grimsby, 147½, barely outpointed Errol Francis, Wolverhampton, 149. Arthur Lloyd's decision of 29½-29¼, was well received.

Laurie Redfern, Liverpool, 125, outpointed Geoff Ryan, Manchester, in a six, 29¾-29¼.

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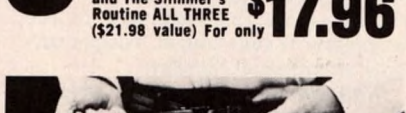

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